

White House against bill for embassy in Jerusalem

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday made clear it will oppose pending bipartisan legislation in Congress to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is slated to open hearings today on a bill to remove the embassy introduced by Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and co-sponsored by 24 other senators.

Parallel legislation was introduced yesterday in the House of Representatives.

Testifying on the worldwide foreign aid proposal yesterday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State George Shultz was asked about the controversial Jerusalem legislation by one of its chief cosponsors — Republican Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Middle East.

In reply, Shultz reaffirmed the longstanding administration position that "there should be a unified Jerusalem, not a divided Jerusalem."

But Shultz still noted that the final status of the city should remain a subject for Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. He conceded that the 35-year-old refusal of the U.S. to have its embassy in Jerusalem

French soldier killed in Beirut shelling

BEIRUT (AP). — A soldier of the French contingent serving with the Multinational Force here was killed and another wounded last night when shells hit a French post in Beirut, spokesman Capt. Jean-Yves Blouin said.

About 8:30 p.m., mortar shells hit a French position in the area of Shatila, near the "green line" in Beirut's southern suburbs.

The casualties raised the French toll in Lebanon since the troops arrived in Beirut in September 1982 to 84 killed and 92 wounded.

Market proves weak as stocks way down again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The share market yesterday failed to pass what was seen as a critical test of its ability to withstand selling pressures. For the second consecutive session, 219 securities fell by margins of between 5 and 20 per cent, and 62 issues declared "sellers only" could not be traded at all.

The general share index fell by 2.08 per cent.

Bank shares party to the agreement with the Treasury were bought up by the Bank of Israel, but not before losses ran up to 4.8 per cent.

Total trading was a moderate IS750 million. (See Page 7)

Jordan cuts Libyan ties

AMMAN (Reuters). — Jordan yesterday severed diplomatic and political ties with Libya over the destruction of its embassy by rioters in Tripoli last week, the official Jordanian television said.

It said the decision was taken at a cabinet meeting after a thorough review of Jordan-Libyan relations.

Shultz: U.S. has no contact with PLO

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said the U.S. is currently not conducting any formal, indirect dialogue with the PLO.

Shultz made this statement during questioning before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He was asked to comment on news reports in recent days that former secretary of state Alexander Haig authorized during a nine-month period in 1981-82 a New York-based expert on the Middle East, John Edwin Mroz, to try to convince PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to accept America's longstanding conditions for winning U.S. recognition: Acceptance of Israel's right to exist and UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Shultz said that no such indirect exchange with the PLO was under way today, although "practically every Arab leader and others" con-

tinued to "volunteer" their services to carry messages back and forth to Arafat.

What the recently publicized indirect exchange with the PLO underlined, Shultz said, is the fact that America's refusal to deal directly with the PLO is not standing in the way of progress in the peace process. Despite repeated Arab assertions that the start of such a U.S.-PLO dialogue would result in a peace breakthrough, Shultz said, the fact is otherwise — as demonstrated during the Mroz episode.

The basic problem is the PLO's refusal to accept Israel's right to exist, he noted.

He conceded that the episode was "no doubt surprising" to Israel, which since 1975 has had a commitment from the U.S. not to deal directly with the PLO. But Shultz maintained that the letter of the U.S. pledge was not violated.

The Washington Post, in a lead

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Christians warn Jemayel not to scrap pact

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Lebanese President Amin Jemayel was yesterday warned by two key Christian leaders, former president Camille Chamoun and Phalange militia commander Fadi Frem, that he would lose their support and possibly that of the bulk of the Christian community in Lebanon if he succumbs to Syria's demand that last May's accord with Israel be scrapped unilaterally.

The warnings coincided with reports that Saudi mediators had

made some progress in their effort to narrow differences between Damascus and Beirut, with Jemayel apparently resolved to meet Syria's central demand that the May accord be scrapped.

Saudi sources said in Damascus yesterday that Saudi negotiator Rafik Hariri had returned to Beirut from the Syrian capital to seek Jemayel's approval for a "minor" amendment to a draft plan he had worked out earlier with the Lebanese president.

They did not elaborate, but it

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Arens: IDF sorties are for protection of Israel border

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that the IDF must remain involved in developments north of the line of deployment in Lebanon to prevent terrorists from moving to the border.

Arens told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the terrorists would be confronting the IDF today along the Awali River were it not for the army's recent sallies and patrols beyond the river.

Arens said that although the Druse had allowed the PLO to fight alongside them, they had not let the terrorists remain in the area under their control once the fighting ended.

In Suk al-Gharb, Arens said, Lebanese soldiers had put up a better performance than in other places. The Syrians had not been openly present on the battlefield, he said.

He said the Lebanese Army had failed because it was not a unified

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Shamir back with EC 'formula'

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir returned late last night from talks in Belgium and Holland. Speaking at Ben-Gurion Airport, he said that discussions on relations between Israel and the European Community will continue soon in Brussels at the foreign minister level.

Shamir said that a formula to cover future trade relations had been drawn up. It will help solve Israel's anticipated export problems when Spain and Portugal join.

He told a Hague news conference yesterday that Israel would take all necessary steps to ensure its security if Lebanon cancels the May

1983 treaty with Israel.

Shamir said he still hoped Lebanon would implement the treaty on withdrawal of foreign troops despite pressure on President Amin Jemayel to scrap it.

"If it is cancelled, we will have to take care of the security of our northern borders," Shamir added. "We will take all measures found necessary for this purpose."

Shamir met with Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers for the first time and said he invited Lubbers to visit Israel in the near future. He also paid a 20-minute courtesy call on Queen Beatrix. (AP, Reuters)

Fewer jobs, less to spend in IS 4,300 billion budget



Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad presents his budget to the Knesset yesterday. (Rahumim Israeli)

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Admitting that "probably shifts in the economy, especially the public sector, will cause increased unemployment," Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad yesterday presented the Knesset with a IS4,300 billion budget proposal for the fiscal 1984. The budget's success, he said, depends on "on the premise and belief" that the Israeli economy is basically sound.

Speaking to a nearly full chamber, Cohen-Orgad said he was certain that "all Israelis are ready to take on the challenges necessary to get us out of the deep crisis into which we fell at the end of last year, and get us back onto the road to economic growth."

He admitted that Treasury experts who drew up the budget had been at a loss to estimate fiscal 1984's rate of inflation "and therefore we intend to update this document once every three months, according to developments in prices, wages, the cost-of-living increment and the exchange rate of the shekel."

Cohen-Orgad said that the main

thrust of the government's present economic policy was aimed at an "immediate and meaningful" narrowing of the non-security-related balance of payments gap by a billion dollars a year, "to avert a possibly catastrophic crisis in foreign currency," and to "create the necessary conditions for a gradual alternation in the structure of the economy."

This, he hoped would become apparent "in the framework of renewed but controlled growth beginning in 1985."

If some positive notes have been sounded in the economy in the past three months, he continued, they were the result of certain economic decisions made since last August. These included orders to reduce government spending and the devaluation of the shekel.

According to the budget's framers, exports will increase by 8.5 per cent in fiscal 1984, after a static two-year period. Industrial exports will probably expand even more — by 15 per cent — if the Treasury forecasts are borne out.

But Cohen-Orgad qualified these rosy predictions, saying, "The increase in exports will come about only if worldwide demand for goods maintains its present momentum and if European currencies do not suffer any further decline in their

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NEWS ANALYSIS/Avi Temkin

Rough road lies ahead for austerity budget

The central message of the 1984/85 budget is that Israelis will be paying more for fewer government services. The budget also makes official what is already widely known: that the tax burden will increasingly fall on wage earners, rather than the self-employed. A new era of recession and unemployment has dawned.

The budget is predicated on a curtailment of government expenditure, with welfare, investments and defence taking the biggest chop.

What the Treasury hopes is that the public will use maturing bonds and loans to increase savings rather than consumption. The public will be paying more for education and health services. Those who travel abroad will pay a higher tax for the privilege. Parents will pay higher taxes on allowances they receive for their children, welfare grants will be cut, and subsidies on basic foods will be slashed.

In real terms, the self-employed will be paying some 15 per cent less income tax, but wage earners will get only a 2.8 per cent easing of their tax load.

Some 5,000 civil servants will be forced out of government employ, in the hope that they will find new

jobs. If they do not, they will join the 90,000 persons expected to find themselves jobless this year.

In announcing that he reserved the right to adjust the budget every three months according to both inflation and the level of Treasury revenue, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad merely gave official recognition to projections that

deducted from the spending and revenue account, since it reflects no real activity.

The remaining approximately IS3380b. will be divided among defence spending — IS771b.; current civilian expenditure — IS977b.; investment projects — IS207b. and loan repayments — IS1,425b. In other words, over 40 per cent of the budget, excluding the Bank of Israel sums, is earmarked for debt payments, as compared to some 29 per cent in 1983/84.

To compensate for this increase Cohen-Orgad will try to keep spending at its planned level, which may well prove impossible.

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revenues may fall even further than planned.

For while the government's purchases of goods and services will drop by some 7 per cent, revenue, too, will contract.

Taxes totalling some IS1600 billion will, in fact, cover only an unprecedentedly low 37 per cent of the budget. To cover the shortfall, the government will have to raise loans, or run the printing presses.

This year's budget is the first that specifies the sums the Treasury must pay back to the Bank of Israel for past "credits," i.e. the IS980b. printed in past years which is legally an advance made to it by the central bank. Since the Treasury will get a special loan from the Bank of Israel against this sum, the figure can be

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local defence expenditures. This cut, which has received little attention, is one of the main features of the budget. It means that the defence budget will go down even more than planned some years ago, prior to the Lebanese war.

The sums allocated to defence will finance only half the cost of Israel's occupation of South Lebanon. Hence, the longer the IDF remains in Lebanon, the larger will be the extra spending that the Treasury will have to finance.

A second possible obstacle facing Cohen-Orgad is political payments which the Treasury must make to the coalition's religious partners.

Treasury officials say these payments were cut by some 10 per cent, and that settlement outlays were

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More money needed for this year too

Post Economic Reporter

As it submitted its budget proposal for fiscal 1984/85 yesterday, the Treasury also announced that it will need a supplementary budget for the present fiscal year, which ends March 31.

The money is needed for repayment of debts and to cover unex-

pected wage rises — such as the IS5,000 compensation paid to public sector workers and the increases in university lecturers', teachers' and doctors' pay.

This unplanned expenditure, the Treasury said, will increase the budgetary deficit for fiscal 1983/84 from IS87 billion to IS123b.

Private employers agree to raise salaries

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The private employers yesterday agreed to raise workers' salaries to compensate for the erosion in their real income during the past year.

The agreement in principle was reached at a meeting with Histadrut Trade Union leaders here. A joint committee is to meet tomorrow to decide how much should be paid and when.

The Histadrut claimed that pay has been eroded by 5 to 6 per cent during the past year. Accordingly it has demanded an erosion allowance similar to that given the civil ser-

vants several weeks ago — IS5,000 a month and IS66 for every year of seniority.

At yesterday's meeting Trade Union Department's deputy chairman Haim Haberfeld, Textile Workers Union secretary Amira Andrianov and Food Workers Union boss Moshe Cohen-Saban argued that wages in some plants were so low that a raise was mandatory. They also reported grassroots pressure, adding that an increase was necessary to ensure industrial peace.

The employers argued erosion had been minimal. Uzi Netanel, head of the Coordinating Bureau of

Economic Organizations' delegation, declined to discuss figures but officials had earlier spoken of a 3 per cent erosion.

The Coordinating Bureau was striving for a linkage between an erosion allowance and a new deal on the cost-of-living allowance replacing the present agreement which expires on March 31.

Tomorrow's talks will also consider the new C-o-L allowance deal, but Netanel avoided saying the employers will agree to the erosion allowance only when a deal is struck on the C-o-L allowance. If linkage is impossible, the matter will be negotiated, he indicated.

Ex-president held in Falklands probe

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Former Argentine president and military junta member General Leopoldo Galtieri was arrested on Tuesday night on orders of the Supreme Military Council investigating charges of negligence and incompetence by high-ranking officers during the 1982 Falkland Islands war with Britain.

Col. Jorge Gonzalez Ramirez, secretary of the council, the armed forces' highest tribunal, said yesterday Galtieri was placed under custody at the giant Campo de Mayo army base 30 kilometres northwest of the capital.

Galtieri, who testified for nearly nine hours before the council on Tuesday, will be held at the base at the disposition of the tribunal, Gonzalez Ramirez said.

War-time navy commander and junta member Admiral Jorge Anaya was blamed in the report for instigating the use of force in the 150-year-old dispute over the islands, then withdrawing his ships from battle for fear of having them sunk.

The commission recommended to the council that the two men be charged with violating articles of

the military code providing the death penalty, though the maximum sentence was considered extremely unlikely.

Anaya testified before the council yesterday as it continued its investigation. The report, which delineated "strategic and political responsibilities" for the war and its outcome, was compiled over nine months by a panel made up of six

retired generals and admirals headed by retired army Gen. Benjamin Rattenbach.

Although the 22-page report never has been made public, leaks to various Argentinian media indicated it recommended the court-martalling of 16 officers who held high positions during the war.

The war began with an invasion of the British-ruled island by Argentina April 2, 1982. Britain retook the islands 74 days later at a cost of 712 Argentinian and 255 British lives.

The report, as published, found Galtieri, Anaya and the third junta member, air force commander Gen. Basilio Lami Dozo responsible for "leading the nation to war with Great Britain when it was not prepared for a confrontation of such characteristics and magnitude."

In addition to the charges levelled against the three junta members, the report — as published in the Argentinian press — also found the 16 implicated officers responsible for wholesale logistical, strategic and diplomatic failures that led to the defeat. It described a near-total lack of coordination among the three armed forces branches.



Gen. Galtieri

Army without a leader



A month after the death of its commander, the Free Lebanese Army is still very much the army of Sa'ad Haddad. How is the force adjusting to its new situation? Ya'acov Friedler journeyed to Marjayoun this week to find out.

AND MORE. Haim Shapiro interviews Chief Rabbi Mordechai Elihu and Avraham Shapiro. Dora Snowden sees an unconventional dance troupe from Japan. Oleg Bitov reveals more about the sad side of Soviet society. Helga Dudman ventures into Computerland. Dan Fainaru reports from the Berlin Film Festival. Susan Hattis Rofel unearths some evidence about Yigal Allon and the Jencho Plan. Uri Rapp is not impressed by Habimah's production of an Ibsen classic. Martha Meisels investigates the Smurf craze. And a Friday Day's Bonus.

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THE WEATHER

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Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
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Nahariya	45	6-14
Safed	45	6-14
Haifa Port	62	13-17
Tiberias	—	5-22
Nazareth	—	8-17
Afula	48	6-19
Shimon	28	8-17
Tel Aviv	57	10-19
B-G Airport	44	8-20
Jericho	20	9-12
Gaza	70	10-18
Beersheba	43	3-18
Eilat	38	11-22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Members of the board of governors and staff of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency yesterday honoured Paul Zuckerman upon the conclusion of his term as chairman of the board's Settlement Committee, at a reception in Jerusalem. Settlement Department head Matityahu Droblies commended Zuckerman for his contribution to the growth of Galilee and the Arava. Zuckerman will continue as a member of the Settlement Committee, following his new appointment to the chairmanship of the board's Institute for Leadership Development Committee.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will not hold its regular luncheon meeting today.

German statesman gets Hebrew Univ. doctorate

Special to the Jerusalem Post
BONN. — A man described as the most notable German statesman of the post-war years, along with Adenauer, received the title of doctor of philosophy *honoris causa* of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a ceremony here yesterday.

At a gathering at the residence of Ambassador Yitzhak Ben-Ari, attended by many members of the government and parliament, Herbert Wehner, affectionately dubbed "Uncle Herbert" was honoured for the fight against tyranny, his staunch efforts at replacing it with democracy and for his unfailing friendship for Israel and the Jewish people.

Wehner could not make the trip to Jerusalem because of ill health. Instead, University Chancellor Abraham Harman, accompanied by his wife Zena, Moshe Shahal, head of the Alignment Knesset faction, and Danny Rosolio, representing the Histadrut, came to Bonn to award the doctorate. Wehner was also presented with a medal minted especially by the Jerusalem municipality for the occasion.

Rainer Barzel, president of the German Bundestag, and his wife, headed the list of West German participants which also included former chancellor Helmut Schmidt and his wife.

HOME NEWS

Levy-Orgad clash likely at Herut meeting tonight

By SAZAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier David Levy is likely to launch an all-out attack on Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, at tonight's meeting of the Herut Central Committee, party sources anticipate.

Levy, who still considers himself a contender for the premiership, has recently stepped up his criticism of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who beat him at the post when Menachem Begin stepped down last year. And the criticism of Shamir extends to the premier's entire camp, among whom Cohen-Orgad is numbered.

The deputy premier also considers himself a champion of the poor. He is likely to use Cohen-Orgad's belt-tightening budget presentation as the occasion for an onslaught against the finance minister in an area where he can expect considerable grassroots support from fellow defenders of the have-nots.

Herut insiders recall that Levy has already taken Cohen-Orgad to task recently and that he was a vociferous critic of similar austerity measures proposed by the Begin government's second finance minister, Yigael Hurvitz.

Summer time trial to last from May 5 to August 25

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A trial period of summer time will be introduced in Israel on May 5 and will be in effect until August 25, the Interior Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. Local time will be Greenwich Mean Time plus three hours during that period.

Summer time became official with the signing of a special order yesterday by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who personally opposes the idea on the ground that it would lead to intentional or inadvertent violation of the Sabbath.

However, in view of the overriding majority for a two-year summer time experiment among the members of a special panel he had appointed to study the question, he decided to issue the order.

Burg said yesterday he will soon appoint a team of experts to monitor the summer time trial, and determine whether the savings in fuel, and other advantages claimed for it, are borne out.

Police: Samaria complaints treated fairly

NABLUS (Itim). — Arab residents of Samaria registered 30 complaints against police during 1983, up from 17 in 1982, Nablus region commander Sgan Nitzav Gavriel Ashton said yesterday.

Presenting reporters with a review of his charges' activities last year, Ashton cited the figure to show that local Arabs are not afraid to speak up when they believe they have been wronged.

Criminal files are opened for all complaints made against Israelis, he said, and in no case do the police fail to investigate.

Ashton did, however, complain that police in the West Bank are understaffed. The force remains the same size as in 1967, he said,

although the number of offences has doubled from 3,009 in 1968 to 6,221 last year. New settlements have also been established, the Arab population has grown, traffic has increased and there are still civil disturbances, he noted.

He said that within the next few months, a national police investigating team will be set up to look into the subject of land disputes in Samaria. About 30 files were opened in the area last year concerning such disputes, he said, and they are at various stages of investigation. But the problem is complicated, because land registration in Samaria is not up to date, and many complainants lack documentary proof of the ownership they claim.

IDF helps stop fighting near Awali

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — IDF officers intervened yesterday to stop a Druse artillery bombardment of Christian villages north of the Awali River. The bombardment lasted three hours, and the number of casualties is not known.

Israeli officers met with Druse leaders and persuaded them to cease fire in exchange for promises that they would try to convince Christian forces in the area to halt attacks on Druse villages.

It was the first bombardment in

the last week since fighting ceased in the area of Khaled and Damour. Some refugees who had taken advantage of the lull to return to their villages were yesterday again homeless in Sidon.

Among the villages bombarded yesterday were Wadi Zuhra and Rumaila on the coastal road.

Two boats yesterday entered Sidon port with relief supplies for refugees. The boats were chartered by a European Christian welfare organization and Sidon millionaire Rafik Hariri.

Peres warn Syrians not to go too far

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Opposition leader Shimon Peres has warned Syria against further troop deployments in southern Lebanon. "Israel," he declared, "needs no country's permission to defend its borders."

Syria will "bear the consequences" of going too far in Lebanon, he told the 18th annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Israel Histadrut Foundation in Miami Beach.

Peres is on an American lecture tour. He is due in Washington today for a meeting with Secretary of

State George Shultz. He is slated to see Vice-President George Bush tomorrow before addressing the National Press Club here.

In Miami on Tuesday night, Peres told some 600 American Histadrut supporters that the Syrians are more interested in forging a formidable standing of power in Middle East affairs than in actually taking over or occupying Lebanon.

DEAF. — A bazaar, with performances by pantomimists and other actors, will be held Saturday evening at the Dizengoff Centre, in Tel Aviv, to raise money for the Israeli Association of the Deaf.

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Patt to Rumania for talks on trade

Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt left yesterday for Bucharest on a Rumanian Airlines flight for talks on bilateral trade. He said his aim in the talks will be to arrange a doubling of trade between Israel and Rumania, and especially the growth of Israeli exports to that country.

The talks are to be held at ministerial level and will be summed up in a joint trade protocol.

Patt is to go on to West Germany and the U.S. during his 10-day trip. (Itim)

Wall-to-wall coalition in Bnei Brak as Likud joins

BNEI BRAK (Itim). — With the addition of the Likud faction this week, the municipal council here now includes a wall-to-wall coalition of all faction representatives. The coalition is formed by the Bnei Brak Tora list (9 members), Eastern Communities Tora Faithful (3), Alignment (3), National Religious Party (3), Likud (2) and the For Bnei Brak list (1).

CHRISTIANS

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probably concerns the question of Syria's withdrawal from Lebanon, which Damascus has long insisted must in no way be linked to that of Israel.

Saudi Prince Bandar Bin Sultan expressed his optimism in Damascus yesterday after talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam that "matters are going in the right direction."

But indications in Beirut last night were that it will now be extremely difficult for Jemayel to make any further concession to Damascus without dangerously alienating himself from Lebanon's Christian community.

Jemayel's father, Pierre, leader of the predominant Christian Phalange Party, made it plain last week that the eight-point plan Jemayel had agreed to accept was as far as he was prepared to go, stressing that it had to be accepted as a package and was not subject to renegotiation.

Chamoun, the influential head of the Christian National Liberal Party and president of the Lebanese Front — the roof organization uniting the main Christian political groupings in Lebanon — was quoted as saying yesterday that if Jemayel cancelled the May treaty unconditionally, "we will refuse any kind of cooperation with him and his government."

He said he would also refuse to take part in any new session of national reconciliation talks in Geneva or elsewhere.

Chamoun said he expected that other members of the Lebanese Front would join the Liberals in such a boycott.

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editorial yesterday, also took the same basic position.

"The episode is instructive chiefly for the light it sheds on the common contention that if only the U.S. were to set aside the 1975 pledge and talk to the PLO, things might start to move," the editorial commented. "Here was a case in which the U.S. found a way to talk to the PLO, at length, and the PLO blew it."

The newspaper continued: "The leaders of Egypt and Jordan promoted the familiar PLO end-around strategy in their Washington trips just last week. But it is the wrong strategy. It stirs illusion on the Palestinian end and distrust on the Israeli end: it leads nowhere."

American poultry epidemic may open door to Israeli fowl

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A poultry flu epidemic in the U.S. has opened the possibility of companies gaining entrance to the American poultry market, which has been all but closed to imports.

Yarden, a meat export company owned by a number of settlements affiliated with the Histadrut, is negotiating the sale of kosher-frozen chicken with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

An epidemic of avian flu, mainly in Pennsylvania and New Jersey has meant over 20 million chickens there have had to be destroyed. Most of these chickens were being raised for kosher slaughter houses.

With about 80 per cent of the potential supply of kosher chickens gone, the price of kosher chickens in the disease-hit area of America has skyrocketed, from about \$2.20 per kilo to \$4.20 per kilo. Prices may rise even higher nearer Pessah.

In Israel there is currently a large surplus of frozen chicken, and it

would not be a problem to supply large quantities of kosher-frozen chickens for the U.S. market at short notice, Yarden officials told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The main problem with exporting frozen chickens to the U.S. is that Israel is on the import black list of the U.S. Department of Agriculture because there have been outbreaks of Newcastle disease among chickens here in certain areas.

Harry Kassel, a consultant to the food industry in the U.S., who is here surveying Israel's poultry supply situation, told *The Post* yesterday that he hopes to find a way to get the Israeli kosher-for-Pessah chickens into the U.S. He is today flying to Washington to meet Department of Agriculture officials.

Kassel will propose that since there are certain areas of the country (like the Negev and the North) free of Newcastle disease, the U.S. can safely allow imports from these areas.

All birds would be checked very carefully for diseases, Kassel said.

ROUGH ROAD AHEAD

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slashed by some 17 per cent. But it remains to be seen whether Cohen-Orgad's colleagues will accept such cuts.

The third threat to Cohen-Orgad will come from the "populists" led by Deputy Premier David Levy. The budget is built on the assumption that there will be no subsidies for fuel and electricity and an average of only 50 per cent on basic commodities.

This means that the Treasury must continue to raise controlled prices frequently, something Levy has already harshly criticized.

In addition, Levy and the Tami faction will have to swallow an average 5 per cent reduction in social spending. Part of this contraction reflects the end of one-time arrangements, such as special payments to university teachers, but part reflects a real reduction in welfare services.

Cohen-Orgad will also have to confront the wrath of exporters if, during the coming wage negotiations, the Histadrut wins pay increases beyond those the Treasury and the industrialists are willing to pay. The finance minister reduced support for exporters by promising them reduced wage costs. If he cannot fulfil this promise, it will be the public coffers that will suffer.

But even if he can keep ministerial spending levels at target levels, the Treasury will still have to

find a solution to the \$1,400b. debt repayments it must make to the public in 1984/85.

Not all of this sum presents a problem: over half of it is loans from institutional bodies such as pension funds, which are required by law to lead the money back to the Treasury.

But how will the Treasury convince the public to lend the money back to it rather than use it to finance its own consumption?

The Treasury forecast that recently introduced saving schemes will mop up these sums, and that they will thus be used to pay for the internal debt. But the ministry concedes that all the reforms and schemes will barely be enough, even on an optimistic assessment, to keep the situation constant. There are barely any margins of error. If the sums coming back to the Treasury are insufficient, then the ministry will have to rely more and more on the printing press.

The sums which it is likely to pump into the economy will not be small: some \$250 billion will have to be injected to finance government activities, due to falling revenue. But next year's statistics will not reflect this injection. For this year the Treasury decided on two changes which will give an entirely new meaning to the term "money printing."

One basic fact, however, remains for all its optimism: the budget tabled by Cohen-Orgad rests on a very narrow base. When the Treasury induces a recession, revenue falls and deficits grow. The price of the recession will be high; the promised results on the other hand, are doubtful.

U.S. EMBASSY

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represented the only case in the world where an American Embassy was not in the declared capital of a host country.

Legal experts are divided on whether Congress can constitutionally force the administration to transfer the embassy — assuming the bill is passed into law.

IDF SORTIES

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force, and it lacked leadership. Druse and the Shi'ites fought man effectively," he said, because men were solidly behind their respective leaders, Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri.

The defence minister said the government did not object to UN forces being stationed in Lebanon, but he said it was an illusion that such forces would effectively implement security arrangements.

Arens said that experience with UN forces indicated that they could only do a proper job when all the various parties involved agreed to their presence. But where at least one of the parties did not want the UN, he said, insoluble problems were created.

In the discussion, the following points were made, among others: Haim Druckman (Matzani) Syria is the only serious element in the Lebanese situation apart from Israel, and we must come to an agreement with Syria.

Mordechai Gur (Alignment) IDF patrols beyond the Awali River are all right to themselves, but the government should also formulate political proposals.

Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment) We can make Galilee secure with fewer troops in Lebanon than are there today.

Yossi Sarid (Alignment) If we follow the terrorists far enough to the north, we shall soon find ourselves back in Beirut.

Shlomo Hillel (Alignment) The May 17, 1983 agreement, which we should never have signed to start with, merely hampers our deterrent stance.

30-year-old American found dead in his flat

A 30-year-old American, Howard Mark Burg, was found dead in his rented flat in Upper Motza, west of Jerusalem, yesterday morning.

Two students who shared the flat with him found Burg seated in the Lotus position in the doorway of his room, apparently dead. A Magen David Adom doctor was called and he confirmed that Burg was dead. Initial examination showed no signs of violence on Burg's body, and there was no indication that he had been using drugs.

The body has been taken to the Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine for further examination. (Itim)

Gaza man dies, 7 hurt when car overturns

GAZA (Itim). — A local resident was killed and seven others were seriously injured yesterday when the car in which they were travelling overturned here. The driver, Tala Abed Khalaf, was fatally injured.

A preliminary police investigation determined that the car was carrying too many passengers and may have been driven at excessive speed.

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At 4.30 p.m. there will be a ceremony for the awarding of scholarships in memory of Hyman and Marion Bessin. The ceremony will be held at the Jerusalem College of Technology, 21 Rishon Haysad Hale'umi, Givat Mordechai, Jerusalem.

The unveiling of the tombstone of

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Jewish Agency elects aliya department chief

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency board of governors yesterday elected ambassador to Colombia Haim Aharon chairman of the aliya and absorption department, and Renana Gutman comptroller.

Aharon, 40, will return to Bogota to tie up loose ends before completing his service there as Israel's envoy. He will return shortly to take over the aliya department, which has been operating without a chairman for over four months.

Aharon, who was nominated by Herut-Hatzoar last week, was head of Herut's aliya division and himself came on aliya from Chile with his family at the age of 15. He was appointed ambassador three years ago.

The new aliya chairman fills the seat vacated by Rafael Kotlowitz, another Herut loyalist who was ousted by the board last October after serving for nearly six years.

Aharon was elected unanimously yesterday by the board members by a show of hands. Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin congratulated him, saying he was a personal example of Zionist fulfillment having come on aliya from Chile. He noted that Aharon preferred the aliya post to his important diplomatic job.

Aharon said he hopes to establish a new era in relations between Israel and the Diaspora regarding aliya. He promised to have an "open door" policy in the aliya department and pointed out the need for unity in meeting the challenges of the department. Aharon



Haim Aharon

told the Diaspora members of the board a few days ago that he intended to keep on veteran department director-general Yehuda Dominitz.

Gutman, who was director of the State Comptroller's Office from 1972 to 1977, (the only woman director-general in government service at the time) later went to Kupat Holim Clalit, where she was comptroller.

The agency board, meeting in Jerusalem, yesterday approved a regular budget for the coming fiscal year of IS\$4 billion, plus IS 7.2b. for Project Renewal.

Included in the regular budget is an allocation of IS\$7.8b. for the aliya and absorption of 18,000 immigrants expected to arrive in the coming year, plus IS\$10.5b. for rural settlement inside the Green Line.

Youth Aliya will receive IS\$7.8b. to care for and educate 17,000 youngsters from disadvantaged families here and young immigrants.

Tight year looms ahead, budget says

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

This will be a year of economic recession, judging by the picture emerging from the national budget.

The budget, prepared annually by the Treasury, the Bank of Israel and the Finance Ministry's Economic Planning Authority, usually reflects the opinions and plans of the finance minister. Details of the budget were presented to the Knesset yesterday by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad.

Commenting on the budget, representatives of the planning authority and the central bank said yesterday that while they agree with the direction of economic development that it outlines, they believe private consumption will drop only by 5 per cent in per capita terms, rather than the forecast 7 per cent.

On the rate of inflation, they insisted that there was too much uncertainty to make any prediction. Repeated reporters' questions met a wall of refusal to comment on the expected pace of price increases.

The budget is harshly critical of former finance minister Yoram Avidor's policies and blames them for the dramatic growth of the balance of payments deficit and the foreign debt.

Excluding military imports a deficit of some \$2.9 billion is projected by the end of the year, as compared to \$4.1b. last year. Military imports will go up by \$300 million, to \$1.3b., the net payment of interest on the foreign debt will account for \$200 million. Thus the overall deficit is expected to drop, according to the Treasury, by some \$700m.

The government, too, will cut its "standard of living." Public consumption, excluding military imports, will shrink by 5.5 per cent. Local military expenditures will drop by some 7.3 per cent, mainly due to an 8-per-cent decrease in purchases.

Investments, according to budget predictions, will fall by over 13 per cent. The decrease will be almost uniform in both construction and new machinery, after more than two years of rapid increase in the purchases of new equipment, mainly from abroad.

Pre-holiday raid nets dangerous Purim toys

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of dangerous Purim toys were confiscated from 60 wholesalers this week in raids by police, city inspectors, and Trade Ministry officials.

The forbidden items have in previous years caused accidents during the holiday resulting in severe injury to children whose costumes caught fire or who were hit in the eyes by toy bullets.

The raiding teams seized 1,020 boxes of gunpowder-filled bullets used in children's pistols, 400 inflammable, feather-trimmed cowboy hats and 160 inflammable plastic masks. Some 300 boxes of detonators were found in Hamashbir department store warehouses, while 800 fuses and scores of rockets were seized in other retail stores.

Weizman Institute to hold meeting in Mexico

REHOVOT. — The president of Mexico, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, and other top Mexican scientists and public figures are to participate in the Weizman Institute's International Leadership Conference, due to open in Mexico City on February 29.

The conference is aimed at giving the institute's lay supporters a greater understanding of its activities. This session will be held in Mexico to emphasize the growing ties between institute scientists and their Latin American counterparts, ties which have been formalized by cooperation agreements with scientific bodies in Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia.

Several dozen Weizmann supporters from the U.S. and Canada will be flying to Mexico for the leadership conference, as will smaller groups from other Latin American countries and from western Europe.

Materials conference opens

BEERSHEBA. — The Second Israeli Conference on Materials Engineering opened here yesterday with a lecture by Dr. Benzion Naveh, head of research and development in the Defence Ministry.

Naveh exhorted the scientists present to "make the most of the few raw materials Israel has, so that we could support the major systems of the future cheaply."

The conference continues today.

Thieves drive off with soup and cookies

PETAH TIKVA. — A truck loaded with boxes of soups, wafer cookies and other snack food valued at IS\$1.1 million, was stolen on Monday night from the Osem factory in Petah Tikva.

The food was to be distributed yesterday. But when the truck driver showed up to begin deliveries, he discovered that the truck was gone. Police said a night watchman was guarding the plant when the truck was stolen. (Itim)

Knesset committee weighs areas' legal systems

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Justice Ministry and the Defence Ministry have formed a committee chaired by senior Justice Ministry official Pina Albeck, to study the operation of various legal systems in Judea, Samaria and Gaza and their sometimes contradictory application.

The existence of the committee was revealed at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee by the IDF representative present, Sgan-Aluf Yoel Singer, legal adviser to the Judea and Samaria civilian administration. Singer said that much confusion was being created by the absence of one clear and prevailing legal authority.

He said that whereas government departments handled the legal problems affecting Jews according to one system, the civilian ad-

ministration handled legal problems affecting Arabs according to another system. Government policy was to settle Jews in the areas, but not to apply Israeli law there. So from the legal standpoint, friction inevitably resulted, Singer said.

The settlers' representatives told the committee about the many aspects of their everyday lives which were affected and hampered by the legal anomalies in the areas. He said they have no confidence in the effectiveness of government agencies, partly because of the agencies' confused and contradictory policies, and partly because of the meagre resources at their disposal.

One of the settlers said: "For all practical purposes a police force does not exist in the areas. We phone the police and ask them to come and handle a situation which has

developed, but they don't come, because they don't have any vehicles available."

When Labour's Tamar Eshel asked the settlers why they refused to be interrogated by Arab policemen, they said they had been ordered by Jewish police officers to treat the Arab police "like lampposts."

Eshel: "What is that supposed to mean?" Yisrael Harel, secretary of the settlements council: "You're safe if you notice the lamppost in good time. But if you forget it's there, you're liable to bump into it."

At a joint meeting of the Interior and the Law Committees, discussing the Karp Report on the failure of the authorities to stop settler-vigilantism against Arabs, two Likud hawks, Benny Shalit and Yitzhak Zaiger, continued to criticize Yehudit Karp, the Attorney-General's deputy, for her study.



Liberian Health Minister Martha Sandolo is welcomed by Auri Herzog and President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi yesterday.

(Rahamim Israeli)

TA engineering officials told not to talk to journalists

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Regulations forbidding workers in the city's engineering administration to talk to journalists or to show building files to anyone not directly related to these buildings have been issued by the municipality.

The new regulations, municipal sources said, were issued following The Jerusalem Post's investigation into the alleged illegal building at Ha'aretz Museum and certain alleged irregularities in the home of MK Avraham Shapira.

Building inspectors have been instructed to refer any questions to the city spokesman.

"It is intolerable that people totally unrelated to the buildings in question should be allowed to look into the files," a municipal spokeswoman said yesterday.

Two armchairs near the engineering administration archives, which were used by people studying files brought from the archives or waiting to see officials from the building licensing department, have been removed.

"I can't talk to you. They (city officials) have been sniffing around my office asking questions and workers here are spreading rumours accusing each other of talking to the press," one building inspector said yesterday.

Engineers and architects who use the archive files to work on details of buildings they are constructing complained yesterday about the difficulty in getting files. "I've been working here for years and all the officials know me, but suddenly I'm not allowed to take files from one office to another to work on," one engineer told The Post.

Judge: Video is evidence in jail murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three suspects in the murder of Haim Shoshan in Ramle prison last November were ordered held until the end of their trial by a district court judge here yesterday, after he found that a videotape made in the prison during the murder incriminated the three.

The arrest order against Herzl Avitan, Shmuael Angel and Ya'acov Shemesh has no practical significance, since the men are already being held on other charges of murder.

Judge Aryeh Segalson, who viewed a tape from a video system used for surveillance in the prison, said that it shows Avitan and Angel leaving their cells and entering Shoshan's. There are signs of a struggle in the cell, then of blood flowing into the corridor, and of someone attempting to clean the stains.

Avitan and Angel are accused of stabbing fellow prisoner Shoshan 139 times. Shemesh is accused of keeping other prisoners from interfering.

Less 'power' for future electric staffers

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that the board of directors of the Israel Electric Corporation is examining the possibility of limiting free current for corporation staffers to be hired in the future. New employees would not be able to claim that the precedent laid down when the corporation was founded applies equally to them today, he opined.

"As to the free current enjoyed by staffers at present," Moda'i said,

"I've thrown in the towel." He spoke in the Knesset Finance Committee, which once again failed to vote on his request to increase electricity rates retroactively by 14 per cent from January 31.

The Finance Committee approved an increase in funds for the National Petroleum Corporation to cover increased costs. The money was taken from an allocation set aside for loans to foreign oil exploration firms, which has not been used up, since fewer foreign firms expressed interest in Israel last year.

American ORT group here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gertrude White, the newly-elected president of Women's American ORT, is now visiting Israel at the head of a delegation of six ORT executives. The delegation will meet with President Chaim Herzog, formerly president of World ORT, cabinet ministers and top education officials.

Women's American ORT, which has 150,000 members throughout the U.S., is now raising money for an international technological college that ORT plans to build in Carmiel.

Betar hero's grave damaged by vandals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH PINA. — Unknown persons on Tuesday night vandalized the grave of Shlomo Ben-Yosef, who was executed by the British authorities in 1938 and is considered a hero by many in the Herut party and its Betar movement.

Paint was spilled on the tomb, and lettering on an adjacent monument was damaged.

Police are investigating. Ben-Yosef was found guilty of shooting at an Arab bus. He was executed at Acre jail in spite of appeals to spare his life from many Jewish and Zionist figures.

Opera conductor steps in to wield IPO baton

TEL AVIV. — Sir John Pritchard, who conducted the first performance here of *The Magic Flute*, this week switched podiums and stepped in at short notice as conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Haifa.

Pritchard is replacing Lorin Maazel, kept at home in Vienna by a severe ear infection, IPO sources report. Maazel said he wants to schedule an appearance with the IPO as soon as his health permits.

Meanwhile the Cologne Opera is being conducted here by Eric Ingwersen, who normally wields the baton in Cologne.

TV licensing fee

People who regularly pay their annual TV licence fees by standing orders at the bank will not receive bills for the additional IS\$80 payment due by the end of February, the Broadcasting Authority has announced. It will automatically be deducted from their account, while all others must pay the bill themselves.

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Happy Birthday!

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Prof. JACOB LOWN

Boston, Mass. and Jerusalem

Savant and Mentor of four generations of Talmud scholars. His scholarship spans three continents. His early Jewish and secular education was obtained at the University of Lithuania, Kovno. In 1938 he came to the United States, where he later obtained a master's degree in Judaica at Harvard University, under the tutelage of Prof. Harry Wolfson. He studied with Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik and Rabbi Levi Horowitz, the Bostoner Rebbe. Prof. Lown taught and counseled students at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, and Hebrew College, Brookline, Mass. In 1971, he made aliya with his two adult daughters. Prof. Lown still inspires young students in their study of Talmud.

(Prof. Lown's late brother was a legendary Zionist leader — Philip Lown of Newton, Mass. The Philip and Sally Lown Community Centre in Jerusalem is named in their honour.)

Maral Tov to Rivka Shapiro of Far Rockaway, N.Y. and Dr. Moshe Aryeh Kurtz of Jerusalem, former director-general of the Ministry of Social Welfare, on their marriage (Feb. 21).

Welcome to Israel Rabbi and Mrs. Solomon Schiff of the prestigious Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach, Florida.

Rabbi Schiff has two sons — Jeff and Steven — studying Judaica in Jerusalem. Jeff is an accomplished jazz drummer.

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Fears raised of U.S. intervention Iran claims thrusts into Iraq

NICOSIA (AP). — Iran yesterday said its forces surged across the border into Iraq in three places, fuelling apprehension that the war could precipitate U.S. intervention to protect Persian Gulf oil supplies.

A series of Iranian military communiqués reported by Iran, the official Iranian news agency, said the Iranian forces were approaching Iraq's main north-south highway, linking Baghdad with Basra, in three places in the central front.

Iraq's state radio and television stations interrupted their programs repeatedly to broadcast a message by President Saddam Hussein extolling his troops to fight the invading Iranians. "The Iranians wanted a decisive battle. So let it be a decisive battle...to confirm the defeat of Iran's expansionist greed," Hussein's message said.

Earlier in the morning, Baghdad radio interrupted its programs to carry a statement by a military spokesman saying the new Iranian offensive had been "totally crushed." But subsequent Iranian communiqués claimed continuing Iranian successes and the repelling of an Iraqi counter-attack, with great loss of life on "battlefields covered by clouds of black smoke."

The new Iranian offensive, the second in seven days, coincided with a warning by an independent Kuwait

newspaper that any further escalation of the war by Iran could precipitate intervention by the U.S. At-Qabas said the possibility of Iran's broadening the conflict was considered by a two-day conference of defence ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council that ended on Tuesday. The council groups the six Arab oil-producing states of the Persian Gulf region.

At-Qabas added that such a widening of the conflict would lead to intervention by the U.S. to protect the Strait of Hormuz, the vital waterway used by tankers carrying 40 per cent of the non-communist world's oil supply.

Iran has warned repeatedly that it will block the strait if foreign powers become involved in the war. The Iranian communiqués said the Iranian troops "liberated" hundreds of square kilometres between the Iranian town of Dehloran and the Iraqi town of Basra "under Iraqi occupation" since the beginning of the war exactly 3½ years ago. The Iranians then surged into Iraq in a "massive offensive," an announcement said.

Both sides claimed to have inflicted heavy casualties on each other's forces.

"The battlefields are littered with the corpses of Iraqi soldiers," claimed an Iranian communiqué.

The Iraqi borders "have been transformed into a crematorium for the enemy troops," said an Iraqi communiqué.

The conflicting claims could not be independently confirmed, as neither side allows foreign correspondents to visit the battlefield.

In New York, meanwhile, it was announced that Iraq has agreed to accept a UN fact-finding mission on the war. But Iran rejected one of the two assignments suggested for the mission, a UN spokesman said.

In February 10 letters to both countries, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he wanted to dispatch a mission to the war-stricken areas of both countries for two purposes: to investigate both sides' charges that the other has attacked civilian areas, and to get both governments' authoritative positions on "other questions related to the conflict."

In response, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said his country "welcomes the dispatch of the mission for the two purposes mentioned in your letter."

But Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said that due to new Iraqi "missile attacks and air bombardments," Iran "would not be able to hold any political discussions with the members of your fact-finding mission."



U.S. Marines sit by their personal gear in Beirut on Tuesday as they wait for evacuation to ships of the Sixth Fleet. (UPI Telephoto)

French gov't vows to clear truckers' highway blockades

PARIS (AP). — The French government yesterday vowed to clear the nation's highways of more than a hundred truck blockades following the rejection by independent truckers of proposals to end the seven-day traffic-analyzing protest.

"These barricades... can only compromise the negotiations," said Max Gallo, spokesman for the Socialist government. He added that the government "is taking steps to assure" that traffic "can circulate freely." He did not elaborate.

Thousands of riot and army police have been deployed around the country. But with the exception of a few brief clashes and a handful of arrests, the authorities have refrained, so far, from using force to try to clear the blockades.

Opposition leader Jacques Chirac, the Conservative mayor of Paris, yesterday called for an end to the protest and lashed out at the government's "hesitance" and "negligence."

Meanwhile, truck drivers increased their blockades across

France yesterday, and the leader of one independent truckers' group conceded that the traffic-crippling roadblocks were beyond his control.

"The rank-and-file will take the decisions itself, as Tuesday's demonstrations showed," Jean Devay of the National Union of Truckers' Organizations (Unotra) said after talks with French transportation officials ended Tuesday night.

Unotra and the National Federation of Truckers, which together represent most of France's 32,000 independent truckers, earlier rejected as "insufficient" a government offer to ease border crossing procedures immediately and negotiate broader economic and safety issues on March 1.

The blockades began as a spontaneous protest last Thursday in the French Alps and quickly spread across the country, stalling tens of thousands of vehicles throughout France and at the Swiss, Austrian, Italian and West German frontiers.

8 more killed in Punjab

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Violence between Hindus and Sikhs in Punjab State escalated last night as eight people were shot and killed by unidentified attackers in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar and nearby villages, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Federal troops were airlifted to the area to prevent further bloodshed.

PTI did not identify the victims nor the attackers but informed sources said the dead belonged to the Hindu community and their killers were Sikh extremists.

Seventeen people have now been killed in random extremist attacks in the sensitive territory bordering Pakistan over the past two days.

The city has been the focus for much of the tension between Hindus and Sikhs in recent months. A curfew in six towns in Punjab State was extended as police searched for a motorcycle squad that killed nine people in two villages there on Tuesday.

The violence is part of a Hindu backlash against an 18-month-old Sikh campaign for religious and political concessions from the central government, including greater autonomy for Punjab, a prosperous farming state bordering Pakistan and home for most of India's 12 million Sikhs.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and leaders of the Sikh community had issued appeals for calm, PTI reported.

S. African troops begin withdrawal from Angola

LISBON (Reuters). — South African forces have begun withdrawing from southern Angola into neighbouring Namibia (South West Africa), Angolan Interior Minister Alexandre Rodrigues was quoted as saying yesterday.

It was the first official confirmation by Angola that a pullback announced by Pretoria was in progress.

"Aggressive actions by the South African army have already ceased and the movement of South African combat forces into Namibian territory has already begun," Rodrigues was quoted by the official Angolan news agency Angop as telling a Luanda press conference.

The withdrawal came after talks in Lusaka last week led to a joint commitment to monitor the departure of South African troops from Angola, where they have long battled guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) over control of Namibia.

Rodrigues told reporters conditions were now favourable for the commission set up by South Africa and Angola to begin work, Angop reported.

U.S. engineer says Saudis tortured him in prison

DALLAS (AP). — A U.S. petroleum engineer says he was tortured repeatedly during eight months he spent in Saudi Arabian prisons after his Saudi business partners claimed he owed them money, according to a published report yesterday.

Bruce Munden, 34, told the Dallas Morning News that he was suspended from the ceiling at least 20 times and beaten on the soles of his feet with a knotted rubber hose for such infractions as failing to respond quickly when called.

American and Saudi officials in Washington confirmed that Munden was jailed in June, but they would not discuss whether he was tortured, the News said.

Munden said the dispute arose when an Arabic-language contract he had signed with his partners was translated into Arabic by a Yemeni business manager.

Unable to acquire superior technology without his help, the Saudis dropped the case after the original English version of the contract was read to the Saudi Supreme Court, said Munden, who returned to Texas last week.

British coal chief knocked out at protest

LONDON (Reuters). — The American-born head of Britain's state-run coal industry was knocked unconscious yesterday during an angry protest by miners at a colliery in northeast England.

A crowd of miners protesting against pit closures surged forward and pushed 72-year-old Ian MacGregor against a fence as he prepared to leave Ellington colliery.

The fence collapsed and police and journalists carried a stunned MacGregor part of the way to a waiting car before he came round.

Sports

Win or die

Post Sports Staff

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv play Bosnia Sarajevo in Sarajevo tonight, in a win-or-die European basketball Cup match. Defeat for Maccabi will make their last two games, both at home, of academic interest only; victory may yet open a pay to the Cup for them.

No easy task awaits them. Bosnia has won all their previous home matches, against Barcelona, Roma, Cantu and Limoges. Coach Zvi Sharf commented when the team left Israel yesterday, "We are up against a very tough challenge. But we are determined to do our best."

For some inexplicable reason, despite the crucial nature of the game, it will be neither telecast nor broadcast on radio by the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

In Milan, Olimpia Sincis-milano qualified for the finals of the European men's Basketball Cup when they beat Scavolini Pallacanestro (Italy) 90-80 in a semi-final second leg match.

Handball thriller

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — The highest level of handball ever seen in Israel will be played at the Tel Aviv University Sports Hall tonight, when Barcelona play Maccabi Rishon LeZion in the first leg semi-final of the European Cupholders Cup. The 23-strong Spanish squad arrived last night.

All seven Barcelona players are internationalists, the squad including Eusebio, who won the World Cup with Spain in 1964. Although the team will be named only after training, it will be captained by Eusebio, who will include Jose Luis.

Barcelona, which is the world's top team in handball, is currently second in the Spanish league, one point behind Atletico Madrid. Maccabi Rishon LeZion will clearly start as underdogs. The winner of the match will go on to play a Yugoslav or Hungarian team in the European cup final.

The match, starting at 7.45 p.m., will be controlled by two Israeli referees. The second leg will be televised live.

Squash seeds meet

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Eight top-grade international players will be in action today at the Israel Squash Promotions' professional championship at the Herzliya Squash Centre. The attractive programme, highlighted by the men's open quarter-finals, starts at 2 p.m. and admission is again free.

Fighting for a place in the semi-finals will be all top seeds in the 40-over, No. 1 Rick Hill of Australia, currently ranked 14th in the world, and the 20-over, No. 2 Peter Dinklage of England. In addition to the players on the court, it is expected that a number of other top players will be in the audience, including the world champion, the 20-over, No. 1, and the 40-over, No. 1, the 20-over, No. 1, and the 40-over, No. 1.

The event, sponsored by Dan Hirsch, will be held at the Herzliya Squash Centre, which will be open to the public, both tomorrow and Saturday.

SPORTOTO

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Six persons got all 13 results right in last week's Sportoto pool, making each of them richer by 150m. Each of these winners showed 12 correct results was 1567,000; 11 correct was 156,700; 10 correct was 15,670; 9 correct was 1,567; 8 correct was 156.7; 7 correct was 15.67; 6 correct was 1.567; 5 correct was 0.1567; 4 correct was 0.01567; 3 correct was 0.001567; 2 correct was 0.0001567; 1 correct was 0.00001567.

SPORTOTO TIPS

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TEL AVIV. — Six persons got all 13 results right in last week's Sportot-podi, making each of them richer by IS4m. Each of those computers showing 12 correct results won IS67,000; 11 earned IS3,700 and 10 results netted IS760.

Sportot announced a minimum IS50m. payout after this week's games.

Martina whips Wade

EAST HANOVER, New Jersey (AP). — Martina Navratilova, top seed at the \$150,000 Computerland U.S. women's National Indoor Tennis Championships here, defeated Great Britain's Virginia Wade for the 14th straight time without the loss of a set. She won 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2 seed Chris Evert-Lloyd, returning to the tournament circuit for the first time in three months, won a first-round match with Betty Stokely of South Africa, 6-2, 6-3. Jo Durie, who defeated Mary Lou Piatek 6-2, 6-1, while Beth Goodenough defeated Lisa Bender 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Unseeded Marnie Mathews of Bulgaria stunned fourth-seeded Andrea Temesvari of Hungary 6-1, 6-8, 6-2. Mathews only 40 minutes to last the world's seventh ranked player.

English midweek soccer

Division One

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Division Two

Grimsby	2	Derby	1
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BBC says UK is sending 2 warships to Gulf

LONDON (AP). — Britain is sending two warships to the Gulf to support an American fleet monitoring the war between Iran and Iraq, the BBC reported yesterday.

The BBC said details of the British decision "emerged Tuesday night" after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told the House of Commons that British warships could join in to back any American military action to maintain Gulf oil supplies threatened by the war.

The Ministry of Defence said the BBC report was "highly speculative." A spokesman said the

two British warships in the area were in Indian and Sri Lankan waters and far from the Gulf. "We're not talking about their future movement, but where they are now," the spokesman said.

The BBC said there are no British warships in the Gulf at present but that "in the next few days the guided missile destroyer Glamorgan will be making her way there from the west coast of India. She will be joined by the frigate Brazen now in Sri Lanka."

Answering legislators' questions in the Commons Tuesday, Thatcher

refused to give an assurance that British warships would not be engaged in the Gulf in cooperation with U.S. forces.

She said it might be in Britain's interests to join with U.S. forces to protect that part of the world and the oil supplies which are so vital to the West.

There have been recurring reports in British news media that the U.S. Navy is beefing up its presence in the Gulf area, but the Pentagon has not confirmed them, refusing on security grounds to comment on military movements.

China denies Iran arms deal

PEKING (AP). — China yesterday denied a London newspaper report that it had sold Iran weapons to help that nation defeat Iraq in the protracted Persian Gulf war.

"China strictly adheres to a neutral position in the Iran-Iraq war and does not sell any arms to either Iran or Iraq," Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Zhenyu said at a weekly news conference, reading from a prepared text.

He said the report was "totally groundless."

London's Daily Mail on Tuesday quoted unidentified western diplomatic sources as saying Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping had personally approved a \$1.45 billion

arms sale to Iran that would help it deliver "a final knockout blow in the war with Iraq."

The Mail said that under a deal arranged last month, the weapons would be funnelled through Syria and included 107mm. shells, tanks and combat planes.

While China has always proclaimed neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war and publicly backed mediation efforts, there have been published reports that the Chinese have sold weapons to both countries through third parties. The reports have said that North Korea funnels Chinese weapons to the Iranians and Jordan relays them to Iraq.

Execution sought for 17 Kurds

ANKARA (AP). — A martial law prosecutor in the southeastern province of Adiyaman yesterday demanded the death sentence for 17 Kurds accused of being terrorists, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Prison terms of a minimum of 10 years were asked for 19 other defendants, the dispatch said. The accused terrorists belonged to the outlawed Kurdish Workers Party, also known as the Apocular Gang.

The defendants were charged with attempting to establish a Communist dictatorship in parts of the country, and carrying out assassinations and robberies.

In a crackdown on Kurdish separatism since the military takeover in 1980, 3,157 suspected members of the gang have been rounded up and martial law courts sentenced to death 38 members who have appealed. Meanwhile, 28 others, extreme rightists and leftists convicted of assassinations, have been hanged.

Boycott threat in Nicaragua elections

MANAGUA (AP). — Nicaragua's leftist government says it will hold presidential and legislative elections in November, but opponents of the regime are threatening to boycott the poll.

Junta coordinator Daniel Ortega said on Tuesday that the Sandinistas "do not accept democracy that is ordered by the U.S. government" an apparent reference to pressure from Washington for free elections open to the participation of all opponents.

Ortega said that the president, vice president and 90-member legislature will take office January 10, 1985, for six-year terms. He also said the voting age will be lowered from 18 to 16, and an amnesty for rebels will be extended until May 4.

He made no mention of the state of emergency, in effect since March 1982, which has restricted political

activity because of what the government said was the threat of a U.S. or U.S.-supported invasion. The Reagan administration is providing clandestine support to anti-Sandinista rebels.

Opposition parties say they will boycott the elections unless the government lifts the state of emergency and press censorship, respects human rights and cuts links between the ruling party — the Sandinista National Liberation Front — and government security forces.

"They announced nothing that we are demanding," said Guillermo Poty, president of the opposition Social Democrats. "As a result, we can't believe there will be really free elections."

Ortega said Nicaragua does not want a democracy like that in the U.S., which has "used power to threaten and attack those who do not follow its imperialist designs."

'Cuba smuggling U.S. high-tech goods'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Cuba, using smuggling methods proven in narcotics and weapon trafficking, may be trying to transfer high technology equipment secretly out of the U.S., a State Department official testified on Tuesday.

"Cuba has an ongoing significant objective of obtaining high-technology machinery from non-Communist bloc countries," said James Michel, deputy assistant secretary for inter-American affairs.

"Recent reports suggest that the Cubans may be engaged in efforts to smuggle such equipment from the U.S.," he told the House of Representatives foreign affairs task

force on international narcotics control.

Michel said Cuba has cooperated with drug smugglers, allowing them to fly over the island, land to refuel aircraft or bring large vessels into its waters to transfer narcotics to smaller U.S.-bound vessels.

But Francis Mullen, administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, told the task force that "although the Cuban assistance given to drug smugglers is alarming...only a very small portion of the cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine transiting the Caribbean is believed to pass through Cuba."

U.S. 'bubble boy' in critical condition

HOUSTON, Texas (AP). — Doctors on Tuesday found fluid in the lungs of David, the 12-year-old boy who until recently had lived all his life in germ-free plastic bubbles, a hospital spokeswoman said. He was put in intensive care and his condition was listed as critical.

The boy, whose last name never has been disclosed, first developed the fluid problem on Monday with an accumulation around his heart in an area known as the pericardial sac, according to a spokeswoman at Baylor College of Medicine. Then, on Tuesday, doctors detected the fluid in his lungs, she said.

Both accumulations were drained successfully and so far had not occurred again, she said. But the difficulties forced physicians to place David under intensive care.

The boy is also being treated for a recent stomach ulcer, a still unresolved bleeding problem in his gastro-intestinal tract, and a graft-versus-host disease involving tissue rejection stemming from a bone marrow transplant.

David was born without immunity to disease, a condition known as severe combined immune deficiency. He was taken, never to return, from the latest in a series of plastic bubble-like enclosures on February 7 after suffering diarrhea and vomiting and was placed in a sterile two-room suite.

Besides doctors and nurses, only his parents and sister have been allowed to see David. His father or mother has been there all the time, with one of them spending the night.

Rome area hit by wave of one-day strikes

ROME (AP). — A general strike by Communist-led workers yesterday closed airports, banks and museums, disrupted public transportation and threatened to black out newspapers in the Italian capital, authorities reported.

Thousands of passengers were stranded as Rome's Termini railroad station was affected by a 24-hour strike by train conductors

and machinists that began Tuesday night.

A walkout by firemen and customs agents shut Rome's two airports for eight hours.

However, the strikes in the Rome area did not appear to be as effective as the organizers had predicted. Most buses and subways continued to run.

California prisoners said to get free 'nose jobs'

SACRAMENTO, California (Reuters). — Convicts in California are getting free cosmetic surgery, including operations to reshape their noses and remove the bags under their eyes, a state senator complained yesterday.

At least one female inmate had a so-called "tummy tuck" operation

to enhance her figure, said Senator Dan Boatwright.

Boatwright said surgeons volunteered to do the cosmetic surgery in order to gain experience. But he claimed that taxpayers bore the burden of other costs involved in the operations, such as for anesthetics and medical dressings.

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Changing from 'disorder to chaos'

Accountants critical of new income tax amendment

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The proposed amendment (number 58) to the Income Tax Law will change the collection system from "disorder to chaos," according to Israel Strauss, chairman of the tax committee of the Chamber of Certified Public Accountants.

Strauss notes that today businessmen forward payments to cover "specific debts, interest charges and fines," which have accumulated during the years.

He said that the reason why debts remained unpaid for years was that the businessmen were arguing with the authorities about the amount of taxes. "Sometimes the authorities made mistakes, sometimes the businessmen, but in nearly all cases it took years to clear the matter up."

At present, when a specific instance is settled to the satisfaction of both sides, the businessman sends in a cheque to cover his debt.

However, the proposed amendment will grant the tax authorities the right to decide towards which outstanding debt the sum is to be contributed.

"Thus, a person who thinks he has paid off the debt, may still be charged interest and have fines imposed, while his next payment to the authorities will be directed to a debt which he has already paid," Strauss said.

He claims that the proposed amendment will significantly increase the amount of time wasted both by the tax officials and the businessmen.

As for increasing the annual rate of interest on outstanding debts from 120 per cent to 158 per cent, Strauss points out that the interest is not recognized in many cases as a regular business expense. Thus the real expense incurred by the businessman may be as high as 390 per cent. In some cases, where fines have been imposed, the real expense rises to as much as 585 per cent.

But it doesn't pay to "overpay" the income tax authorities in many cases. True, the overpayment is repaid with 156 per cent interest, but this interest is taxable, so in reality the real sum returned shrinks to 62.4 per cent.

A kibbutz wipes the floor with the Russians

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — One of the few companies in Israel using machinery and technologies from Russia and East European countries produces \$1 million worth of mops and floor cleaning rags a year, of which about \$100,000 is exported.

The company is Altek, of Kibbutz Hahotrim on the Carmel coast. Plant manager Pessah Fried told a press conference here this week that his company bought these technologies because they were the best ones available to suit local needs. Although Israel has no diplomatic or trade relations with these countries, the supply of spare parts is ensured through countries in Western Europe, he said.

According to Fried these technologies involve what is called in the trade jargon non-woven weaves and a stick-bond method. This enables the factory to produce the rags faster while at the same time they are as strong as woven cotton, but more absorbent.

Altek sells its floor rags under the trade mark of Zig-zag. He admitted that his rags cost about 15 per cent more than other local products but are 40 per cent cheaper than imported ones. He said that many housewives here do not know how to treat their floor rags properly and that as a result they wear out faster than they do in Europe. "Following the instructions will greatly extend the usefulness of the rags," he said.

Karat office equipment show at Sheraton

TEL AVIV. — Karat Ltd., which represents Japanese manufacturers Canon, Minolta and Pentax, today closes its office equipment exhibition in the ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel here.

Karat and its daughter company Efram moved their exhibit from the general office exhibition, 'Fis 84, because of lack of space. The company's display includes a selection of document copiers,

micro-computers and facsimile machines. Karat is providing a free shuttle service from the Fis 84 exhibition, at the Palace Hotel, to the Sheraton. The exhibition is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

NIGERIA. — Nigeria's current foreign debt is nearly \$15 billion, finance ministry officials said recently.



Photo shows clearly why the double surfboard is hard to capsize.

Double surfboard to attract tourists to Eilat

By MACABEE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The knowhow to build a "double" wind surfboard, which will not capsize in rough water, has been obtained by the Sola company, of Bnei Brak. Sola plans to build a plant in Eilat to produce the "latest water craze" both for Israelis and for export.

Company general manager Moshe Hurvitz notes that the catamaran-like device, which was developed and patented in Sweden, will allow water enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy this sport, which he claims is sweeping the world and already as popular as winter skiing.

Until now, wind surfing was restricted to one board. It took long hours of practice to learn how to maintain an upright position in rough water. "The result was that many persons quit after being dunked half a dozen times. But the double board, which is connected by a bridge, increases stability and reduces dunking to a minimum. As a matter of fact, it will take a lot of ingenuity to fall off a double surfboard."

The plant will employ ten to 20 persons. The "double" surf board will cost Israelis about \$1,500 (a single board costs about \$1,000), but it will sell for much less abroad. "We are now drawing up plans to

offer Europeans a one-week package deal," Hurvitz said. "For about \$1,100 we will offer full accommodations at a two or three-star hotel in Eilat, plus the flight to Israel, plus the 'double' board itself. The visitors will be allowed to take it back with them to Europe."

He notes that most of the visitors will come on charter flights, and that the baggage compartments are relatively empty. Since the device is made of light-weight fibre-glass, most charter flights will transport it free or at very low cost.

Sola obtained the rights to market the double surf board in all European countries, except Sweden.

Former mayor Beame happy about progress of Mizrahi Bank in New York

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "Last year the United Mizrahi Bank and Trust Company of New York was among the 500 largest banks in the U.S., out of a total of 14,000. This year we will undoubtedly move up a number of notches," said Abraham D. Beame, former mayor of New York and chairman of the board of advisers of UMB, who is on a visit here.

UMB does not stress its Israeli link "in fact it is quite possible that some of our customers are unaware that we are an Israeli bank," told The Post. The 78-year old former certified accountant is especially proud about the growth in assets at UMB Bank and Trust. These climbed to \$513 million by the end of 1983, a 23 per cent increase on a year to year basis. Profits were up sharply, from \$2.2m. in 1982 to

\$2.8m. in 1983, or 25 per cent. UMB was established in 1978 and is a New York State chartered commercial bank with its head office in the Rockefeller Centre and branches in the Empire State Building and in Nassau, on the Bahamas. "Our growth has been sufficiently encouraging for us to consider opening a third branch, probably in the World Trade Building at the tip of Manhattan," Beame said.

Questioned about possible effects the bank share crisis here may have on the American unit, Beame pointed out that "most people felt assured that things would work out as a result of the intervention of the Israeli government."

BBC aims to launch int'l television service

LONDON (Reuters). — The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) plans to seek government support to launch an international television service for North America and Western Europe.

The BBC already runs radio world services, which attract 100 million regular listeners, and BBC chiefs believe a \$7 million investment would allow a start on a parallel television service within a year.

Programmes would be sent from London by satellite and could then be rebroadcast or fed into existing cable systems in North America and Europe.

BBC services within Britain are funded from viewer-license fees, but external broadcasting is run on a direct grant from the Foreign Office. Similar government funding will be requested for the Overseas Television service.

Israeli chairs international tourism seminar — in Cairo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At a time when relations between Israel and Egypt are said to be at a low ebb, an Israeli company director recently chaired an international seminar in Cairo with hardly an eyebrow raised.

Israel Scher, president of Eurocom, an international consortium of 18 companies specializing in incentive travel, chaired the seminar which the consortium presented in Egypt, with the enthusiastic participation of government officials and all branches of the tourist industry. Scher is also the head of Eden Tours in Tel Aviv.

Asked what had prompted the consortium to present the seminar, Scher answered that frankly few of its members had visited Egypt and they welcomed the opportunity to do so as honoured guests of the Egyptian government. Scher's company and Emeco Travel in Cairo are the only two non-European members of the group.

In a sense, he added, the visit also provided the Egyptians with a trial run for an incentive-type group. Participating in the sessions were travel agents, hoteliers, airline and even airport security officials and guides.

The registration fee had purposefully been set at a relatively high 200 Egyptian pounds, to ensure that businesses would send their top executives. Scher noted that Egypt has many problems in the travel field, but there is an obvious willingness on the part of all concerned to listen to constructive criticism.

Among the points considered were accessibility to sites, especially by large groups. In all, he said, over 40 specific recommendations were offered.

As for Israel, Scher expressed his conviction that any increase in such traffic to Egypt would almost certainly also increase visits to Israel. The two countries are naturally suited for joint tours and conventions, not to speak of side trips.

Hotel rooms in Dead Sea area to be doubled in six years

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Ein Boker-Hamei Zohar area of the Dead Sea, which now has 1,100 hotel rooms, will have some 2,500 by the year 1990.

This was predicted in an internal report of a Treasury, Israel Lands Authority and Tourism Ministry committee, which also advised leaving in abeyance any plans to develop the area around Kalya, at the northern end of the Dead Sea. The report said that at least until the year 2000, all efforts should be invested in the already existing hotel area, which has the infrastructure to absorb the additional installations. The report continued that only after the Ein Boker area had some 3,000 rooms would there be a need to seek out new points of development along the Dead Sea. Kalya, which before 1948 had the only hotel on the Dead Sea, now has a small restaurant and makeshift bathing area.

The report evidently also puts paid to ambitious plans by the Government Tourist Development Corporation to turn Nahal Hiver, north of Ein Boker, into a large-scale hotel area, complete with an "urban centre" for hotel workers on the nearby hillsides. This plan had encountered considerable opposition from conservationists, who feared it would put an end to much of the region's natural plant and animal life.

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Avraham Shari said yesterday that the ministry intends to encourage the establishment of beauty farms. Speaking at a ceremony awarding prizes to workers who had been particularly kind to tourists, he said that tourism could, to a considerable degree, alleviate the danger of unemployment.

Among those receiving awards were workers in tourist industries, airlines employees, shop clerks and policemen.

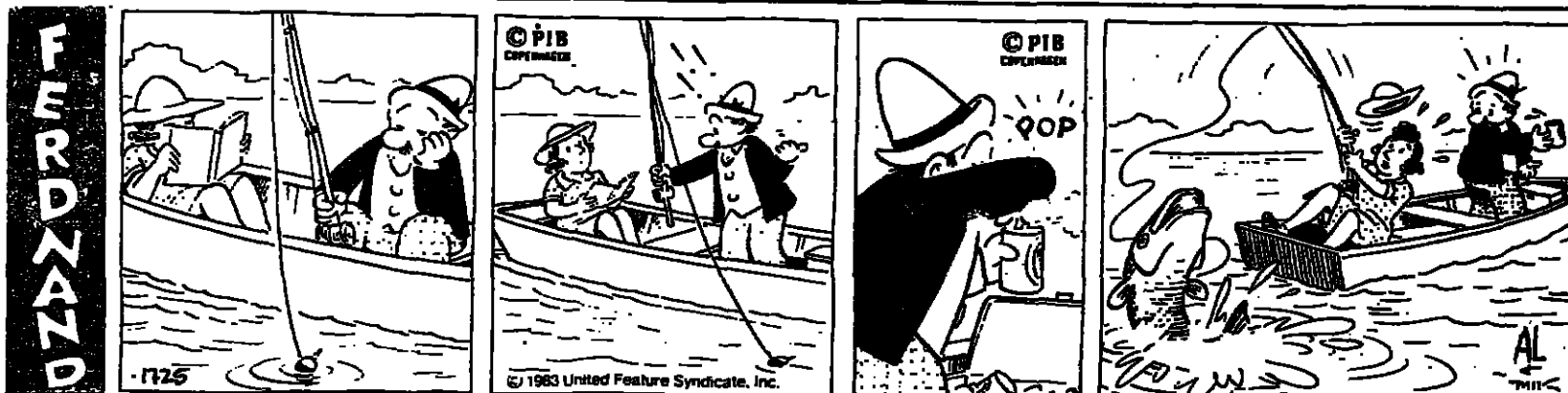
Boom in construction of retirement homes

TEL AVIV. — A small development boom is taking place here with the construction of a number of new projects for modern retirement living in Israel, designed to appeal to Jewish seniors from abroad.

These retirement communities include new and expanded ones in Kfar Shmaryahu, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam and Jerusalem — with most of

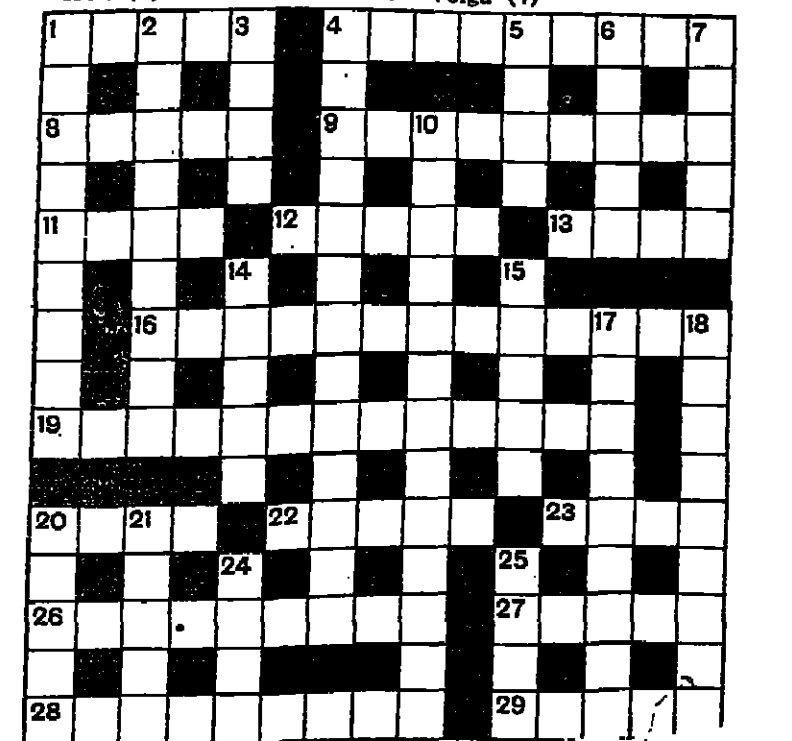
the stress on the capital. In all, more than 2,000 rooms are under construction or planned for this type of high-standard residences.

The objective is to attract retired individuals and couples with children and grandchildren in Israel, who have the time and budget to spend all or part of the year in an Israeli setting with all the comforts of home.



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219 shares fall sharply — again

TEL AVIV. — For the second consecutive session shares fell sharply yesterday as 219 securities were down by margins of between five and 20 per cent. Prior to the opening there was an underlying note of optimism regarding the market's ability to absorb further selling pressure. The thinking was based on the assumption that institutional buying would emerge and absorb the selling pressures.

Those less optimistically inclined considered the day's action as an important test which would determine the future course of the market. If this line of thinking is correct, then we are in for further selling pressure.

The current market correction is coming on the heels of the very sharp gains recorded since the beginning of the calendar year. However, at the rate at which prices are falling much of these gains could be wiped out in a short time.

The ambivalence of the market mood is underscored by the story of a broker who was asked why he looked so pessimistic when he was replying to a good market. "I am pessimistic about my optimism," he replied.

One of the mitigating aspects of yesterday's session was the relatively low turnover, only slightly over 750 million changed hands. This figure certainly indicates a limited market participation by the public.

An interesting aspect of the current market is the negative impact at losses here are having on the American registry shares of companies whose shares are also listed in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. A case in point are the shares of Elron Electronic Industries. Elron has a 70 per cent holding in Elbit and owns early 31 per cent of the Elscint shares. In addition it has holdings in number of other high-technology companies. Elbit for one has been showing sharply improving profits.

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while Elscint continues to mark up higher earnings, from quarter to quarter. Yet the Elron shares have fallen on the local exchange.

Since these shares can be arbitrated, that is they can be sold on one market and purchased on another so that advantage can be taken of price differentials, the American price has fallen in keeping with the local losses.

The Bank of Israel yesterday was not prepared to buy "agreement" bank shares, except at lower prices. In the past the Bank of Israel's willingness to absorb such offers has been an important confidence building factor.

Bank shares not part of the "agreement" were clipped for even heavier losses. The shares of First International were 6.6 per cent lower. The Danot 1 and 5 shares were both 10 per cent losers. The Maritime Bank shares were down by about 10 per cent apiece.

Mortgage bank issues trended sharply lower. The Tefahot, preferred and ordinary stocks were 10 per cent lower, while Jaysour 1 followed a similar path. The Jaysour option was clipped for a 19.2 per cent fall.

The Federation of Contractors shares with an 11 per cent loss, led the specialized financial institution equities to lower levels.

Insurance stocks were broadly lower, but the rate of loss was less pronounced than in other groups. Yardenia 0.5 was the biggest loser with a drop of 11.9 per cent.

Losses of up to 10 per cent punctuated the service and trade group.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation shares, as a sector, only fell by 1.8 per cent, and finished the session relatively unscathed. Amnionim, however, was hit for a 14.8 per cent fall. Drucker 5, on the other hand, was up 9.9 per cent, while the option soared by nearly 20 per cent. Losses ran up to

10 per cent, with the exception of Cohen Development, which was 15 per cent lower.

Industrialists felt the full brunt of the "bear market." Atlas saw its shares maintain their sharp drop as they fell by eight per cent, to 206.

In the textile group the two Aza shares were both "sellers only." Ayt 1 was down 15 per cent and was matched by Israel Can, whose 5 shares fell by a similar figure.

For Nechnushtan it was a steep downward slide, as its two shares were both established as "sellers only" for the second session. The option had its price pared by nearly one third.

High-tech issues continued to flounder. Elbit eased by 2.2 per cent, while Elron was 3.5 per cent lower.

Tadit Cement was clobbered for heavy losses as its 1 share was down by 20 per cent and the 5 shares traded at a 15 per cent discount. One of the oddities of yesterday's market was a 37.8 per cent rise in the Scandia options, which were traded early in the day. In the afternoon session the Scandia shares were registered as "sellers only."

Clal Industries continued to ease and was dropped for a 4.6 per cent loss. Technological Resources suffered a 13.7 per cent loss.

Investment company issues fell by as much as 15 per cent, as was the case with both Incoba equities. Wolfson 0.1 continued to plummet and absorbed a 10 per cent fall. The shares of the Israel Corporation were unchanged in spite of selling pressures. It seems that a possible buyer may be the Eisenberg group, which may wish to increase its holding from 47 per cent to over 50 per cent. Other issues in the group fell by up to 10 per cent.

The oil sector continued to be plagued by selling and prices continued to fall by up to 10 per cent. The shekel was devalued by 68 agorot.

Commercial Banks
(not part of "arrangement")

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
OHF	1750	16	n.c.	—
Maritime 0.1	654	5740	-73	-10
Maritime 0.5	240	4760	-27	-9.8
N. American 0.1	5712	31	-20	-0.3
N. American 0.5	4100	66	-21	-0.5
N. Am. on 1	2960	51	n.c.	—
Danot 1	526	338	-56	-10.1
Danot 5	117	6656	-13	-10
First Int'l 2	306	285	-24	-7.3
First Int'l 5	450	2653	-12	-2.6
FIBI	392	4600	-15	-3.7

Commercial Banks
(part of "arrangement")

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB	10700	—	-3000	-2.7
IDB B	4955	1082	-50	-1.1
IDB P	2700	3	n.c.	—
IDB P A	3300	230	-57	-1.7
IDB on 11	3430	169	-30	-0.9
Discount B	8665	14	-95	-1.6
Discount A	5865	51	-95	-1.6
Discount C	4820	9	-280	-5.5
Mizrahi	1885	1152	-25	-1.3
Mizrahi on 11	1885	25	-95	-4.8
Mizrahi on 12	1290	391	-40	-3.1
Mizrahi on 13	15500	1	-1000	-6.1
Mizrahi on 9	840	513	-45	-5.1
Hapoalim P	4140	2398	-30	-0.7
Hapoalim B	3120	121	-40	-1.3
Hapoalim on 8	11560	3	-440	-3.7
General A	7980	18	-160	-2.0
General on 9	7980	2	-200	-2.6
General on 7	6300	7	n.c.	—
General on 7	376	103	-14	-3.6
Leumi 0.1	1985	4034	-15	-0.8
Leumi on 9	180	361	n.c.	—
Leumi on 11	760	485	-21	-2.7
Finance Trade 1	2770	5	n.c.	—
Finance Trade 5	1572	2	n.c.	—
Finance Trade on 2650	—	—	-50	-1.9

Real Estate, Building

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Oren	248	50.2	-13	-5.0
Azovim Prop	233	2294	-1	-0.4
Azovim B	441	135	+30	+7.3
Azovim P	171	50	-1	-0.6
Elion	64	79	-1	-1.6
Elion on 9	124	112	-21	-14.8
Amnionim	124	112	-21	-14.8
Africa for 0.1	140	127	-7	-5.0
Africa for 1.0	1452	16	-3	-0.2
Azovim	126	36	-25	-15.0
Azovim on 115	93	15	-11.5	-12.4
Arfadon 0.1	150	174	-6	-4.0
Arfadon 0.5	150	174	-6	-4.0
Ben Yakar 1	258	50.2	-15	-5.0
Ben Yakar 5	162	50.2	-15	-5.0
Baranowitz 1	122	50.1	-6	-5.0
Baranowitz 5	65	50.1	-6	-5.0
Daniner	148	209	n.c.	—
Drucker 1	211	1163	-14	-6.5
Drucker 5	139	1274	-12	-8.9
Drucker on 108	913	17	-19.7	-2.1

Mortgage Banks

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	1209	11	-41	-3.3
Gen. Mortgage	1440	607	-33	-2.3
Gen. Mortgage	1440	16	-33	-2.3
Carmel 1	1100	102	-60	-5.5
Carmel deb	600	137	-90	-13
Mishkan	180	361	n.c.	—
Bimam	1045	50.1	-55	-5.3
Dev. Mortgage	600	72	-10	-1.6
Dev. Mortgage B	630	—	—	—
Dev. Mortgage C	570	182	-30	-5.3
Mishkan	3570	—	n.c.	—
Independence	2000	21	-150	-7.5
Tefahot P	1170	54	-130	-10
Tefahot B	1170	107	-130	-10
Tefahot deb. 1	501	—	n.c.	—
Tefahot deb. 2	237	534	n.c.	—
Jaysour 1	351	—	-18	-4.9
Jaysour 5	308	137	-34	-9.9
Jaysour on 185	518	—	-44	-8.2
Jaysour on 302	1258	20	-62	-4.9

Financial Institutions

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Shitron	145	714	-13	-8.2
Shitron on B	1150	—	n.c.	—
Agriculture A	16100	—	n.c.	—
Agriculture B	11900	—	n.c.	—
Leumi Ind	880	186	-20	-2.2
Leumi Ind B	880	20	-22	-2.5
Dev. Mortgage B	8000	2	-761	-8.7
Dev. Mortgage B	31300	—	—	—
Dev. Mortgage C	18000	—	—	—
Dev. Mortgage C	16500	—	—	—
Dev. Mortgage	5303	—	—	—
Contractors	1374	570	-17	-10.9
Clal Lease 0.1	1214	22	200	n.c.
Clal Lease 0.5	303	381	-13	-4.1
Clal Lease deb	824	36	+6	+0.7

Insurance

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Agich 1	368	—	-614	n.c.
Agich 5	368	—	-614	n.c.
Argish sub deb	3800	3	n.c.	—
Ararat 0.1	772	50.1	-40	-4.9
Ararat 0.5	274	50.1	-14	-4.9
Reinsur 0.1	770	171	-12	-1.6
Hadar 1	338	148	-12	-3.8
Hadar 5	147	614	-12	-8.3
Hasneh P	632	931	n.c.	—
Hasneh on 4	664	356	+37	+5.9
Phoenix 0.1	1180	150	n.c.	—
Phoenix 0.5	373	50.1	-19	-5.1
Hamishmar 1	565	30	n.c.	—
Hamishmar 5	561	—	n.c.	—
Hamishmar on 700	—	n.c.	—	—
Yardenia 0.1	285	50.1	-15	-5.3
Yardenia 0.5	130	70	-17	-11.6
Yardenia on 2	89	115	+1	+1.1
Menorah 1	1235	20	n.c.	—
Menorah 5	318	50.2	-17	-5.1
Zur 1	1400	32	-90	-6.1
Securities	200	1760	-30	-1.5
Zur 5	790	35	-11	-1.4
Zion Hold. 1	390	30	-10	-2.5
Zion Hold. 5	169	200	-10	-5.6

Trade & Services

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Meir Ezra	276	190	-31	-10.1
Meir Ezra on 210	4	+6	+2.9	—
Teta 1	188	50.2	-10	-5.1
Teta 5	96	132	-10	-9.8
Clal Trade	532	330	-28	-5.0
Clal Trade on 809	378	-58	-6.7	—
Cystal 1	190	50.1	-10	-5.0
Rapac 0.1	18300	3	-7	-0.04
Rapac 0.5	121	50.1	-62	-5.0
Supersol 2	1760	70	-10	-0.6
Supersol B 10	823	554	n.c.	—
Supersol on C	441	168	-49	-10.0

Services

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Delek 1	1877	73	-50	-2.6
Delek 5	700	45	+33	+4.8
Harel 1	274	168	-43	-10.0
Lighterage 0.1	292	751	-27	-8.5
Gold Store 0.1	10500	1	+439	+4.4
Gold Store 1	5870	21	n.c.	—
Israel Elec.	401	250	+1	+0.3
Bond Ware 0.5	206	280	n.c.	—
Bond Ware on 176	1074	-1	-6	-0.6
Consort Hold 1	449	30	+1	+0.2
Consort on 5	255	408	+1	+0.4
Consort on A	243	511	n.c.	—
Kopel 1	255	60	-28	-9.9
Kopel on 170	—	—	-5	-2.9

Food and Tobacco

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Atas	206	145	-18	-8.0
Atas on 95	115	12	-12	-10.4
Atlantic	33	321	-7	-17.5
Gold Frost 1	217	50.2	-11	-4.8
Gold Frost 5	60	50.1	-7	-11.5
Gold Frost on 2	57	50.1	-7	-11.5
Dubek 1	2440	15	n.c.	—
Dubek 5	2440	11	n.c.	—
Sanlakol 1	358	7	-1	-0.3
Sanlakol 5	268	8	-8	-3.0
Sanlakol on 274	443	n.c.	—	—
Pri-Ze 1	279	425	+10	+3.7
Pri-Ze on 162	697	n.c.	—	—
Tempo 1	310	40	-20	-6.1
Tempo 5	302	46	-32	-9.8
Tempo on 240	227	-15	-5.9	—
Izhar 1	176	415	+8	+4.8
Izhar 5	1860	20	-80	-4.1
Man 1	300	58	-10	-3.3
Man on 21	182	-13	-0.7	—
Sanfrost	446	50.1	-24	-5.1
Elite 1	1475	113	-115	-7.2
Assis	1802	8	-20	-1.0
Shemen P	1351	50.1	-71	-5.0

Agriculture

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Hadar 0.1	174	756	n.c.	—
Hadar 0.5	94	528	-10	-10.0
Hadar on 51	411	-6	-1.3	—
Mehadrin	245	569	n.c.	—
Hadram prop.	1099	2	n.c.	—
Shenhar	145	50.2	-7	-4.9

Building Materials

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
I.P. Industries	159	300	-16	-9.1
Alkol	290	91	-25	-7.9
Alkol on 180	108	-20	-10.0	—
Ackerstein 1	300	126	-30	-10.0
Ackerstein 5	246	10	n.c.	—
Tadit 1	375	59	-94	-20.0
Tadit 5	199	53	-35	-15.0
Barton 1	133	23	-15	-10.5
Barton 5	67	115	-12	-14.9
Hamasul 1	135	182	-10	-6.9
Hamasul 5	81	50.1	-4	-4.8
Hamasul on 140	2	n.c.	—	—
Tomabest 1	470	74	-29	-5.8
Tomabest 5	260	74	n.c.	—
M.L.T. 1	311	30	-3	-1.0
M.L.T. 5	151	48	-6	-3.8
Modul Ind	133	102	-7	-5.0
Wolfman 1	603	12	-57	-9.0
Wolfman 5	520	10	-20	-3.9

Chemicals, Rubber, Plastics

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Agan Chem.	860	40	-3	-0.4
Agan on 25	25	n.c.	—	—
Alliance Tire	169	236	-9	-5.1
Gal Indus. 1	1026	74	-114	-10.0
Gal Indus. 5	356	50.1	-19	-5.1
Gal Indus. on 12	12	-11	-2.0	—
Dexter on 48	209	-12	-10.9	—
Fertilizer 0.1	2500	166	n.c.	—
Fertilizer 0.5	579	360	-1	-0.2
Fertilizer on 55	490	n.c.	—	—
Haifa Chemicals	1269	116	-6	-0.6

Hotels, Tourism

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Galei Zohar 1	560	49	+10	+1.8
Galei Zohar 5	258	33	n.c.	—
Dan Hotels 1	401	80	n.c.	—
Dan Hotels 5	375	51	+6	+1.6
Coral Beach	265	1043	n.c.	—
Yarden Hotel	225	181	-1	-0.4
Yarden Hotel on 92	557	-17	-15.8	—
Yahalom	195	815	n.c.	—
Yahalom on 110	1306	-13	-13.4	—

Computers

Symbol	Price	Volume	Change	% change
Data	353	55	-6	-1.4
Hilon 1	390	77	-4	-1.0
Hilon 5	230	25	-20	-8.3
Yalane	1600	67	-80	-4.9
Yalane on 1129	28	-160	-12.3	—
Clal Comp.	473	—	-25	-5.0
M.L.L. 1	1110	16	-70	-6.0
M.L.L. 5	474	40	n.c.	—
M.L.L. on 295	47	n.c.	—	—
Nikus	306	16	-24	-7.8
Nikus on 164	50.2	-8	-4.9	—</

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Admission of failure

THE FISCAL budget for 1984 tabled in the Knesset yesterday, and even more so the accompanying national budget — the analysis of economic developments in the past, the statement of policy, and the forecast for the coming year — are very odd documents indeed.

Not only has the Treasury virtually given up any attempt to predict strategic variables in which its own policy is a prime determinant, it has presented a budget that makes public spending as flexible as a rubber band. Expenditures, it turns out, are to be revised by the Treasury not only on a quarterly basis, as previously stated, but on a monthly basis. And those predictions that neither document can avoid are so hedged with qualifications as to make them utterly non-committal, and therefore no compass by which to steer the economy.

Both documents represent a condemnation of past policies of the present government as harsh as anything that might have come from the opposition. Had the description of those policies come from any source other than the government itself, there would have been an uproar among the ruling coalition.

But what happened in the economy and to the economy because of Yoram Aridor's policies is described in language that makes everything appear the result of some *force majeure*, and not as the outcome of decisions and actions by identifiable men. It is laudable for a government to learn from past mistakes, and to correct its policies in the light of experience. But to call the 180-degree about-face by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad "a shift in the emphasis of policy from the fight against inflation to efforts to improve the balance of payments," and to call the measures he has adopted "corrective measures," are understatement difficult to match even in official apologetics.

What we really have before us in the fiscal and in the national budget is an admission of failure and a confession of helplessness. The policy of sending the economy into a recession, the depth of which is unpredictable, so as to improve, at short order, the balance of payments, rests on assumptions so optimistic as to be at odds with the pessimistic tenor of both documents.

The balance of payments is to be improved, by a staggering \$1.2 billion in one year, through a drastic contraction of imports and a 12 per cent rise in commodity exports — after two years of stagnation. The former depends on the degree to which the government will in fact cut its spending, and on the extent to which the public will increase its savings, as so confidently predicted, or (more realistically) prop up its accustomed consumption levels by further cutting down on its savings.

While the prediction that imports will contract may be borne out more or less as the Treasury hopes — at the cost of foregoing output and growth — the expectation of a rise in exports rests on feet of clay. Nature makes no jumps — and neither do exports.

What we will have with more certainty, is a drastic shortfall of tax revenue and a rise in unemployment to over 90,000 — an absolute figure that is carefully avoided in the text of the national budget, and appears only in the appended tables.

Perhaps the cabinet, in now supporting a policy that is the diametrical opposite of what it backed before, admits obliquely that it has led the country a long way to crisis. But even this cabinet must ask itself whether, even within the constraints of its ideological and coalition commitments, a recession with highly uncertain results is the only way to overcome the foreign currency crisis.

Beyond the Awali

EARLIER this week what was described as a large Israeli military force staged a two-day foray north of the Awali River, the present line of the IDF's deployment in southern Lebanon. The force reached the town of Damour, some 20 kilometres south of Beirut. At the same time Israeli air force planes bombed structures near Bhamdoun which were said to house PLO terrorists.

This was not the first time Israeli troops ventured north of the Awali, nor the first time the air force hit terrorist targets there. But it was the first time an operation of such magnitude was undertaken since Israel's withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains last September. What precisely was the purpose? Christian Lebanese media promptly seized on this week's foray as an indication that Israel had changed its policy and was now willing to extend assistance to beleaguered President Amin Jemayel against his Syrian-backed Druse and Shi'ite foes. Defence Minister Moshe Arens hastened to shoot down any such interpretation as mere wishful thinking.

Mr. Arens stated bluntly that Israel is not an ally of the Jemayel government, which does not even maintain diplomatic relations with it. What Israel is doing, he said, is protecting its own interest and the lives of its soldiers. "We do not want the PLO terrorists establishing themselves again in the area north of the Awali River."

But is there a clear and present danger that the terrorists might do that?

Reports that the terrorists are infiltrating in large numbers back into West Beirut have been dismissed by Israeli defence sources as a transparent ruse to draw Israel back again into the Lebanese capital on Mr. Jemayel's side. And at the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday Mr. Arens himself reported that, while the terrorists had collaborated with the Druse militia in the recent fighting with the Lebanese army, as soon as the fighting died down they were told to "go home." As a matter of fact, during its two days of patrolling, the IDF force encountered no hostile opposition from any terrorist elements.

Nevertheless the defence minister claimed that active involvement by the IDF north of the Awali was necessary to prevent the terrorists from coming down south.

Perhaps the main intention was to warn the local population against lending aid to the terrorists if they should turn up north of the Awali. Otherwise, there seems to be some contradiction in the official reasoning. It need not be suspected that Mr. Arens' motives are different from those he cited, and it may be granted that Israel is not about to extend its dominion into areas of Lebanon it has just recently evacuated. But at a time when the discussion is turning on the advisability of the IDF pulling south of the Awali, if not to the international border then to some intermediate line, it is strange that large-scale operations are sanctioned north of the river.

And Premier Yitzhak Shamir's assurance in Brussels on Tuesday that Israel has no plan to extend its line — "at this stage" — north of the Awali, is calculated only to add to the puzzlement.

PERIODICALLY we hear a call for cuts in government spending and for a general tightening of the collective belt. For the most part these calls are either ignored or given only token attention, and nothing very useful is achieved.

At the present time, however, the economic crisis in which Israel finds itself makes the implementation of measures to decrease government spending a vital matter, and, perhaps, under the pressure of this situation, something might actually be done to eliminate waste of money and manpower in government offices.

As a veteran of 40 years in public service, having held responsible positions in municipal and national service, I have on several occasions outlined steps that would increase efficiency while drastically reducing public spending. Mostly these suggestions fell on deaf ears, or, after receiving enthusiastic approval, were quietly filed away. But in view of the current situation, there may be some value in presenting them again. There are eight major points of attention.

First of all, it is vital to establish clear directives outlining the authority and the responsibility of the various government offices. At present, there is a great deal of wasteful overlapping. This includes the overlapping functions of the Ministry of Absorption, the Jewish Agency and at times the activities of other ministries such as the Housing

Ministry in the absorption of immigrants. There is no justification for such duplication of activity, but every suggestion of unification is met with such responses as "that deserves serious study" or "it's not something one can do in a moment." Salaries and untold expenses are wasted when one office could easily deal with the entire subject.

This leads to the second point, that to coordinate all of these activities we have an incredible proliferation of inter-ministerial committees. These committees cost — in manpower, travel time, accommodation, etc. Half, if not a third, of the present committees could carry on this coordination.

A third point of great importance, and one that affects the above-mentioned committees and all other aspects of government administration, is the failure to complete the transfer of central functions to Jerusalem. Time, money and energy are wasted in travelling back and forth that could so easily be saved by the transfer of a few central

A stitch in time

By ELIEZER BRUTZKUS

figures in government service to the capital.

ANOTHER MATTER that needs attention is the entire institution of "senior clerks," a system that grants car allowances to all the top and most of the middle level employees in government service. A purely Israeli invention, this system has not only been adopted by the government but has also been copied by private companies, banks, academic institutions and the like. Most of the private vehicles in the country are subsidized by employers. It is imperative either to abolish this system or, at the very least, to appoint a public committee to determine which employees by virtue of work needs are justified in getting these expenses. It would easily be seen that only 25 to 30 per cent of these allowances are necessary.

One of the greatest faults in the civil service is that once an employee receives tenure, he or she is more or less free of scrutiny. An employee seeking tenure will often prove to be indolent and innovative, but once tenure is

received, that same employee will drift into a careless and unproductive routine. There is a definite need to institute a system by which every employee, at whatever level, is reevaluated at least twice a year, and a file showing the results of these evaluations should be kept.

Government offices produce a growing number of journals, reports and other published material, requiring editing, typing, printing, paper costs, etc. It is essential that there should be a committee of approval for these activities; I am convinced that a majority of these items could easily be dispensed with. The saving would be enormous.

ISRAEL IS blessed with five universities, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute and a plethora of other research institutes, covering almost every possible subject. Why then must government offices compete with the academic institutions in doing research?

In the past the Housing Ministry spent literally millions upon millions on a survey that covered all sorts of areas only remotely connected with

its real activities, and the end result, as far as any contribution to the office in question is concerned, was totally negligible.

It would be far more efficient to make use of the facilities of the existing academic institutions and to fund those research projects of importance to the government than to maintain entire research staffs for private research. Obviously one must exercise caution here, and be sure that vital projects are not scrapped.

On the other hand, there is a growing tendency to engage the services of private offices, even for the editing of technical material. This is particularly prevalent in the Finance Ministry, but is by no means confined to that ministry. This practice is expensive, and the work could be done by the staff at much less cost. Time and money is invested in outsiders learning certain things the staff already know. It would be far more efficient if these projects were undertaken by the staff, with experts from outside offering fresh ideas and insights.

I have only touched here on some of the most glaring examples of waste and inefficiency. Many others are present and not hard to find if one really wants to do something about streamlining the civil service and decreasing government expenditure for administrative purposes.

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Violence is not Jewish

By YA'ACOV VAINSTEIN

fellow Jew is not considered admissible in terms of the biblical injunction.

One dare not forget, even for a moment, that even if a person has committed a grave sin and is, therefore, hardly worthy of bearing the name of a "friend" or a "neighbour," he is still in the category of "brother in Israel" and one is forbidden to hate him.

This principle is basic to the continued existence of the Jewish people as one great family — as one united society.

THE CREW of a warplane can consist of two pilots — one who puts on *tefillin* each day and the other who is totally non-observant. Fate has decreed that they share the burden of defending the State of Israel as a team working in unity — despite their differing viewpoints on religious observance.

If and when they discuss their differences, it is done within the

framework of mutual respect without insult and shaming, without hostility, without creating an atmosphere of civil war, and without forgetting for a moment that they are brothers within the one family.

And yet when one speaks of *Ahavat Yisrael* and of tolerance for the other person's opinions, it certainly does not mean acceptance and agreement. If the Jewish people had accepted and agreed with its opposition, it would have long ago disappeared as a people.

A dispute within the family must be on ideas, on methods, with a high degree of tolerance for the other's view. Professor Ephraim Urbach called it a "tolerance of persons" without implying any "tolerance of ideas."

In the most heated disputes there should be restraint, control of one's emotions and decent behaviour.

The use of force and violence against Jews or against non-Jews and their religious institutions is a

curse of society. As our sages expressed it, "who is strong — whosoever controls his passions" — even in the most heated of discussions, and the most just of causes.

THE PROBLEM of living peacefully side by side arises from the deep conviction of religious Jews that without rooting a Jewish way of life in our society (and not an imitation of foreign cultures), without developing a deeper appreciation for this need on the part of the majority of Israel's society, we shall inevitably have a state of Israel, whatever it may mean for the future, but not a Jewish State.

However, our struggle to achieve this goal must be conducted with a brotherly approach and self-control.

The concept of *Ahavat Yisrael*, the unity of our people, is a supreme value which should be observed by every religious national person. It has always been the motivating force behind the ideology of religious Zionism, which advocated cooperation with all builders of the state.

No religious individual or group has the right to assume the powers of punishment of those whose views may differ with their own.

Religious Jews must remember the severe strictures of our Torah against those who take the law into their own hands, and against defiling our fellow man's "divine image" in which he was created.

In truth, the vast majority of observant Israelis seek to build bridges of understanding between religious and secular Jews, and there is far too much importance and influence assigned by the media to the role of a small group of extremist religiousists.

EVERY EFFORT must be made to discover how best to bring the two sides to follow the imperative of "living together" with a closer understanding of each other.

Even Ben-Gurion declared that

the laws of personal status of Jews in Israel, the Jewish Sabbath and festivals, are means of expressing the unity of our people and the Jewishness of the State of Israel. There is no doubt that the great majority of non-religious Jews understand that Jewish life in Israel must have a Jewish foundation.

We must avoid embracing extreme positions of "all or nothing" in the area of religion and state.

There is widespread understanding that in this age of empty materialism and spiritual bankruptcy there is a crying need to build in Israel a society which will be based on the ethical teachings and guidelines of the tradition and Torah of Israel. Much has to be done in the field of enlightenment and eradication of ignorance in the teachings of Judaism.

The Talmud relates the story of the great sage Rabbi Pinhas ben Yair who had to cross a raging stream to reach a certain destination. Before he crossed over he was asked by some of his accompanying disciples whether they could cross too. His reply was unequivocal: if they knew deep in their hearts that they had never harmed a fellow Jew they could try the crossing.

The message of this great sage is all too clear. He who hurts (physically or verbally) cannot cross the stream of life without danger to his own life. If we wish to influence others, it must be by using persuasion and understanding, for the ways of the Torah are ways of pleasantness and its paths are peace.

At the same time all must speak out openly and without fear against all individuals and groups, both religious and non-religious, who use force and violent language instead of persuasion, brotherly love and understanding to advance their views.

It was the late revered Chief Rabbi Kook who wrote: "The truly righteous do not complain about the presence of evil in the world — they add a full measure of justice; they do not complain about the presence of disbelief — they add faith; they do not complain about ignorance, they add wisdom."

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BANK SHARES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: — Whilst I fully agree with the justified anger of your readers, Rolf Kellner and E. Kost, against Bank Leumi's Ernest Japhet (Letters — February 3), the gravity of Mr. Japhet's behaviour goes far beyond the scope of their complaints, as Mr. Japhet continued to urge the public to buy bank shares after the debacle occurred, and after it had become evident that they were worth only a fraction of the prices paid for them.

In a radio interview the day the Treasury rescued the banks by issuing its famous guarantee, Mr. Japhet told the interviewer: "I would advise the public to buy bank shares now... their prices on the

market will now rise... Bank shares are an excellent investment."

As we all know, when the stock exchange reopened, bank shares plummeted. The fact that the public did not succumb this time to Mr. Japhet's blandishments does not diminish the impropriety of his effort to lure investors once again into buying his shares.

The banks' annual meetings will soon be held. It is the duty of the government, now the banks' chief shareholder, to send their management home and replace them by responsible and honest people, who will not bandy about reckless promises.

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COALITION GOVERNMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: — The Tami episode during the recent no-confidence motion in the Knesset could actually help the country if it makes us realize that Israel's very existence as a viable, credible state is severely threatened by the coalition form of government. Almost all of us must have reacted with shame and revulsion to the news of the disgusting and immoral dealings that took place between Tami and the Likud and Alignment respectively.

The highest priority for everyone

now, in or out of government, must be to change the electoral law by raising the threshold; i.e. the minimal percentage of votes necessary for entry into the Knesset, to 5 or 10 per cent. Can the Likud and the Alignment leadership unite on this issue? If not, their integrity and ethics are seriously in question and the people must take to the streets to demonstrate their determination to end once and for all this mockery of democratic government.

LESTER RHODES
Jerusalem.

PARTY SUBSIDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: — Yosef Goell's article, "Elections soulees" (February 3) is a reminder that, regardless of whether elections are early or not, the cost will be enormous. As they are financed mainly by the Treasury, the public pays. The citizens can never win in this political gambling game.

What is far worse (and the public is mostly unaware of it) is the monthly subsidy given to all the political parties for what is euphemistically termed the administration and running of their offices. For the month of January, for

example, they will receive no less than IS310,000 for each of their Knesset members. Thus the public will pay out in January the huge sum of IS36 m. And as these subventions are linked to the C.O.L. index, they get larger every three months.

In view of the country's parious economic situation, can the Treasury be expected to pay these huge subventions to the political parties? Surely it is time that they were drastically reduced, or better still, cancelled.

Haifa DAVID FREEMAN

TEHERAN CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: — I refer to the article in your magazine of January 20 entitled "Mozza memories," in particular the paragraph about the group of children, *Yaldei Teheran*.

It reminded me of the years during World War II when I was a military policeman in the British Army, serving on the road between Baghdad and Teheran. Once, an army truck stopped at my particular staging post, and to my utter amazement, I heard the sound of voices speaking Yiddish in the back of the truck.

The truck was filled with children, except for an elderly couple who were obviously in charge. I think they were even more amazed than I was when I asked them in Yiddish where they came from. After all, it was not every day that you met a Jewish military policeman. Of course, the children were escaping from the Holocaust and making their way to: Israel (Palestine as it was then).

M. GREEN
Ra'anana.

BUS EXITS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir: — Much has been said recently about bus drivers' inability to keep effective control over unauthorized entry through the rear door. I therefore suggest the following:

1. A turnstile should be installed at the rear door of every bus.
2. As a turnstile revolves only in one direction, only one passenger at a time will be able to exit. No one will be able to enter.
3. The transport ministry, the bus cooperatives and the insurance companies should participate in the cost.

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